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Memo for Mr. Tame

In keeping with your suggestion I called Mr. Foard of the Miami Office at 10:00 this monning re the investigation of the Jury Panel in the Adams - "andall matter. He stated that he investigated one previous matter of this kind, and is familiar with the routine which is followed. I told him that the Bureau is particularly desirous of pointing out the necessity of refraining from interviewing the prospective jorors under any circumstances. - also told him that the usual investigation is to consult the records of credit agencies, and other similar sources of information to determine the character, reputation, credit rating, employment etc of the prospective juror. He said that this would be followed out very cautiously.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TANK

RE: BREKID

There is attached hereto a chronological summary of the facts bearing upon the harboring of Alvin Karpis by Joe Adams and Duke Kandall. One copy of this summary has today been furnished to Mr. Charles Carr, Special Assistant to the Attorney General.

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There is being set forth below a chronological summary of events relating to the harboring of Alvin Karpis by Joseph H. Adams and Henry Duke Randall. The page number which will appear below the date noted in each instance pertains to the page on which such information is found in the summary report which was prepared in this matter. It is intended, therefore, that this memorandum will serve as a convenient supplement to that summary.

July 19, 1984 Page 52

On this date Alvin Karpis, using the name of Charles Bronson, purchased a 1934 Ford Coupe, Notor \$18-1057480, from the George A. Falks Motor Company, 17600 Detroit Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. Testimony with reference to the purchase of this car will be furnished by Robert Donley, page \$2, and Miss Buth Winterfield, page \$4.

September 1-12, 1954 Page 6 On September 1, 1954 William Harrison and
Harry Sawyer registered into rooms 1004 and
1005 at the El Comodoro Hotel, Missel, Florida.
Harrison had been acquainted with Mans for
approximately five years prior thereto. These
parties remained in these rooms until September
12, 1954. It was during this period that large
quantities of Brower runson money were exchanged
by Cassius McDonald in Havena, Cuba. McDonald
was a frequent visitor during this period to
the rooms of Harrison and Sawyere

September 10, 1954 Page 109

On er about this date Marrison delivered to Joe Adems a Browning Automatic Rifle with the request that it be retained by Adems until he, Marrison, returned. This date is reached by virtue of Adems' statement to the effect that Harrison delivered this gum to him about

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two days before Harrison's departure from the hotel. It is noted that his departure occurred on September 12, 1954,

It is noted that on Page 110 of the summary report that Adams admits that just before Thanksgiving, 1954 he spoke to Fred Barker, who was known to him as Blackburn, about this package, asking Blackburn if he knew when Harrison would return to Missi. Adams admits that he did not tell Blackburn that the package contained a gum.

September 20, 1954 Page 6 Alvin Karpis and Dolores Deleney registered at the El Comodoro Botel under the name of J. Wagner and Mrs. Wagner of Detroit, Michigan, eccupying room 1008. Upon arrival Karpis asked for Adams who was then absent from the hotel. About on hour and a half or two hours later Adams called Karpis. Adams declares that Karpis introduced himself as a friend of Casains McDonald, Adams arranged for the purchase of tickets via boat for Karpis and Dolores Delaney to Havana, Cuba. On the might of September 20, 1934, Karpis delivered to Adems the keys to the Ford Coupe mentioned above and stated that "the owner or Millie Harrison would come down and get the care He said that if I wanted to use it that it would be O.K. and that if Harrison or the owner didn't come for it I could sell it.

September 21, 1984 Page 210 Karpis and Dolores Delaney left Missi, Florida for Havana, Cuba. Upon taking their departure Adeas addressed Karpis as "Ray" at which time Karpis introduced Dolores as his wife. September 28 -Hovember 7, 1934 Page 8 On this date Fred Barker in the name of T. C. Blackburn, and Harry Campbell in the name of G. L. Summers, registered at the El Comodoro Hotel, eccupying room Ell. On October 6, 1934 they were transferred to room 1005. It is noted on page 111 of the summary report that, according to Adams, when Fred Barker registered as Blackburn he advised Adams that McDonald had sent him to the El Comodoro Hotel. They registered as having come from St. Charles, Illinois. Blackburn and Summers registered out of the hotel on Hovember 7, 1954.

September 80 -November 7, 1984 Page 8 On this date Kate Barker, using the name of Mrs. G. E. Ryan of South Bend, Illinois, registered into room 907 of the El Comodoro Hotel where she remained until November 7, 1954. On October 6, 1934 Kate Barker was transferred from room 907 to room 1004.

October 16, 1984 Page 70

On this date Mathemiel Heller directed a cablegram to Joe Adams which is quoted as follows:

When does party expect to come ever. Have you heard from Willie. Answer collect.

> Heller Parkview Hotel®

This cablegres appears to have been paid in each at the Hotel Parkview, Havana, Ouba.

October 18, 1954 Page 71

On this date Natheniel Heller sent a cablegram to Adams at the El Comodore Hotel, Nissi, Florida, which stated -

\*Can Willie come tomorrow. Heller

This eablegrow was paid in each at the Hotel Parkview, Havena, Cuba,

October 25, 1954 Page 71

On this date Joe Adams sent a cablegram to Kr. Heller, Parkview Hotel, Havana, Oube, which is quoted as follows:

"Ryan arrives Thursday plane. Adams"

In connection with this cablegram, page 255 of the summary report, points out that Miss Ines Stowe, Pan-American Airways, can produce records showing that on October 25, 1934, Mary Ryan purchased ticket No. AR33502 for transportation from Mismi to Havana. She can produce further records showing that on October 80, 1934, Mary Ryan travelled from Havana to Mismi, using the return portion of ticket No. AR35502.

Hovenber 2, 1954 Page 71\_ On this date it is shown that Heller directed a cablegrow to Foe Minns stating -

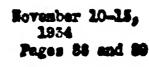
\*Did anyone come over, if not, when, Answer immediately collect. Heller

This cablegrem was paid in cash and appears to have been charged to room 408 of the Hotel Parkview. Page 158 of the summary report shows that an examination of the books and records of the Parkview Hotel, Havana, Cuba, reflected that Alvin Karpis was occupying room 408 of the Hotel Parkview, Havana, Cuba, on Hovember 2, 1954,



Sovember 6, 1984 Page 48

On this date Joe Adams telephoned and commicated with Careon Bradford with reference to the renting of the Bradford home at Oklavaha, Florida to an elderly woman and her two grown sons. Likewise on this date Bradford while at the El Comodoro Botel received from Adams \$150,00 in rental money which was to constitute the rent for the first and last months. It appears that this was definitely the date on which the renting of the Bradford property was actually consumated. This conclusion is reached in view of the above and in view of the further fact that Fred Barker, Harry Campbell and Kate Barker, registered out of the Kl Conodoro Hotel on Movember 7, 1984. The further conclusion is reached that the said parties moved to Oklamaha on November 7, 1954.



On an unidentified date between the above mentioned dates, Adams advised Fred Barker that he was going to Tennessee at which time Barker requested Adams to purchase him some license plates. He furnished Adams with the appropriate description of his ear. While at Etowah, Tennessee Adams prevailed upon a friend, Harry R. Cook, to purchase the said plates. These plates were actually purchased on Nevember 16, 1954 as is shown on page 97 of the summary report. This same information is borne out in the signed statement of Adams appearing on page 112 of the summary report.

November 14, 1954 Page 212 On this date Dolores Delaney, using the name of Dolores Wagner, and Mathaniel Heller, using the name of Mat Heller, embarked at Havana, Cuba for Key West, Florida on the SS Cuba, occupying state-rooms 240 and 216, respectively. Records

to this effect can be produced by Joseph H. Wallace, District Manager, Immigration and Maturalisation Service, whose testimony will be found on page 256 of the summary report.

The records of the Kl Comodoro Hotel disclose that on Hovember 14, 1934, H. H. Heller registered into room 1004 and registered out on Hovember 20, 1934. The records likewise show that Dolores Delaney as Mrs. E. H. Wagner, City, registered into room 1005 on the said data.

November 18, 1954 Page 8 Dolores Delaney in the mame of Mrs. E. M. Wagner, registered out of room 1005 of the Kl Comodore Hotel. On the same date, using the mame of Dolores Wagner, she returned to Havana, Cuba via Pan-American Airways on ticket No. ARSS884. This information is found on page 255 of the summary report.

Hovember 18, 1956

At about 9:00 e slock A. M. on this date
Special Agents M. C. Falkner and M. C.
Douglas registered into rooms 917 and 1001
of the Kl Comodore Notel. Their purpose in
being in the hotel was to observe Duke
Randall to ascertain whether he contacted
any members of the Karpis-Barker gang. Mr.
Falkner maintained a surveillance of the
lobby from the time of registering into the
hotel until about 1:00 P. M. of November 17,
1954, at which time he was relieved by Mr.
Douglas and returned to his room. He returned
to the lobby to relieve Mr. Douglas at

approximately 6:00 P. M. on the said date. The said Agents remained in the hotel until approximately 5:00 o'clock P. M. on November 18, 1954 when they registered out.

Hovember 19, 1934

On this date either during the afternoon or the early evening hours, Special Agents Clarence Hurt and C. G. Campbell registered into the El Comodoro Hotel, the identity of the rooms not being recalled, but were situated on the 11th floor. Their purpose was to observe the activities of Randall and Codomo. These Agents did not maintain a strict and continuous surveillance of the hotel or the lobby. They made only casual observations. They registered out of the hotel at about mountime on Movember 21, 1954 when they registered into the LaSalle Hotel at 844 Collins Avenue, Missi Beach, Florida, While registered at the KL Comodoro Notel these Agents interviewed L. E. Gray, Assistant Manager, with reference to Codome and Randall but made no inquiries with reference to the Karpis-Barker gang and in no way associated Codomo or Randall with that gang. No photographs were shown to Gray on this eccasion and the first occasion on which photographs were shown to Gray was on Jamuary 16, 1955.

Hovember 21, 1934 Page 74 On this date Joe Adams sent the following telegram to T. C. Blackburn, Carson Bradford Home, Oklawaha, Florida.

\*I have been sick stop papers will start today sorry of delay stop mailing plates today stop thanks for fish, did onjoy them so much stop regards to all - Joe Adams\* November 25-25, 1954 Page 9 On this date Fred Barker in the name of T. C. Blackburn of St. Charles, Illinois, and Kate Barker in the name of Mrs. Ryan of St. Charles, Illinois, registered into rooms 904 and 905, respectively, of the El Comodoro Botel where they remained until Bovember 25, 1954.

November 25 & 24, 1934 Page 84 and 85 On this date William Milton Johnson, a bellboy of the KI Comodore Hotel, who had previously been employed by Kate and Fred Barker at Oklawaha, Flerida, wrote a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn, Oklawaha, Florida. This letter was actually dated on November 23, 1954. The pertinent portion thereof is quoted berewith as follows:

"Mr. Adems has been away and has been ill, and that is the reason he has not sent the papers, but no doubt, by this time, you have received them".

This letter was mailed at Miami, Florida at 7:50 P. M. on November 24, 1954. It was written on a typewriter and was signed in the handwriting of Johnson as W. M. Johnson.

November 25, 1954 Page 9 Fred Barker as In C. Blackburn and Kate Barker as Mrs. Ryan, both of St. Charles, Illinois, registered out of the El Comodore Botel where they had occupied rooms 904 and 905, respectively. Hovember 25 or 26, 1934 Page 56 On one of these two dates Mr. L. W. Thomas first spoke to Joe Adams and R. T. Knight with reference to the renting of his home in Miami. It will be remembered that this is the home located at 1121 85th Street, M. E., Miami, Florida, which was rented by Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney in the name of Green on December 12, 1934.

November 25, 1934 Page 9 On this date Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette, using the name of G. F. Summers and wife, registered into the El Comodoro Hotel, occupying Room 905. They remained in this room until December 11, 1934, when they checked out of the said hotel.

November 28, 1934 Page 57 Fred Barker and Kate Barker, using the names of T. C. Blackburn and Mrs. G. E. Ryan, erdered from the Krueger Florist Company, Silver Springs Boulevard, Ocala, Florida, two dozen chrysenthemums to be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Adams, El Comodoro Motel, Miami, Florida.

Hovember 29, 1934

On this date Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette were eccupying Room 905 at the El Comodore Hotel. Wynona has informed that papers were being sent up to their room by Joe Adams. She recells that one of the papers, which was issued in Chicago, earried the photograph of Alvin Earpis.

An examination of the files of the Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois, disclosed that there appeared in the One Star Final
(Home) Edition of the Chicago Tribune on
page two on Movember 29, 1934, a bust
photograph of Alvin Karpis under the
caption "With Welson?" The statement
underneath this photograph mentions that
Alvin Karpis, St. Paul gangster, may have
been the companion of Melson in the battle
with Federal Agents at Barrington, Illinois.
It is to be noted that former Special Agent
H. E. Hollis and former Inspector Samual
P. Cowley were killed during a gum battle
with Lester Gillis alias Baby Face Melson
near Barrington, Illinois, on Movember 27,
1934.

November 30, 1934 Page 61 On this date a person identified as Fred Barker made a telephone call from the Oklawaha Inn, Oklawaha, Florida, to Joe Adams at the El Comodoro Hotel in Miami, Florida. During this conversation, Fred Barker complained to Adams with reference to the water and light bills which apparently had been incurred by a former occupant of the Carson Bradford home at Oklawaha, Florida. Fred Barker has been identified by Mrs. Rhoda Motley as having made the call in question. It is to be noted that Adams admitted to Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson that Fred Barker made such a call to him.

November 30, 1934 Page 64 On this date Fred Barker brought a deer head to Mr. M. Ross Allen, Director, Florida Reptile Institute, Silver Springs, Florida, for the purpose of mounting. At that time Fred Barker ordered that when the deer head had been mounted it should be delivered to Joe Adams at the El Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Plorida. In this connection it should be stated that Joe Adams delivered to Special Agent in Charge Hanson a receipt executed by the Florida Reptile Institute, dated December 2, 1934, indicating that T. C. Blackburn, of Oklawaha, Florida, had paid \$20.00 for the purpose of having an eight point deer head mounted, to be sent to Mr. Joe Adams at the Kl Comodoro Hotel, Miami, Florida.

December 1, 1934 Page 134 On this date Duke Randall stopped at the Blackburn home at Oklawaha, Florida, where he gathered up a quantity of oranges and delivered the same to Joe Adams at the El Comodoro Hotal. This date is reached by virtue of the statement of Randall on page 134 of the summary report to the effect that on or about December 1, 1934, he made a trip to Quincy, Florida, and on his return to Miami stopped at Oklawaha and picked up these oranges. It is to be noted that Willie Woodbury has furnished similar information.

Pages 157 213 237 On this date Dolores Delaney, using the name of Dolores Wagner, left Havana, Cuba, for Miami, Florida, travelling via Pan-American Airways Plane MCS1-Y,R.O.D. This is the occasion on which Dolores Delaney fled from Cuba upon information to the effect that a G-man had been observed in the Parkview Hotel in Havana, Cuba.



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On this date Alvin Karpis, using the name of Edward M. Wagner, embarked at Havena, Cuba, for Key West, Florida, sailing on the S.S. Cuba, and occupying Stateroom 105. This was the occasion on which Karpis fled from Havena, allegedly upon the advice of Mathaniel H. Heller, Manager of the Parkview Hotel, Havena, Cuba, to the effect that a G-man had registered into the said hotel. On this trip Karpis was accompanied by Mathaniel H. Heller, who occupied Stateroom 234 on the S.S. Cuba.

The records of the Kl Comodoro Hotel disclose that Heller, under the name of W. H. Heller, Havana, Cuba, registered in Room 1005 of that hotel on December 5, 1934, and registered out on December 7, 1934.

The records of said hotel also disclose that on December 5, 1934, individuals known as J. B. Bolton and E. M. Howe, both of Chicago, Illinois, registered in Rooms 404 and 405, respectively, of the said hotel. J. B. Bolton has been identified as Doc Barker, while E. M. Howe has been identified as Willie Harrison.

The statement of L. E. Gray (see on page 17 of the summary report) points out that he recognised Howe as being identical with Alvin Earpis. That, of course, is in error and the confusion undoubtedly lies in the fact that Alvin Earpis and Dolores Delaney did occupy Room 405 beginning with the night of December 5, 1934.

With reference to the registration of Doc Barker as Bolton and Harrison as Mowe, the registration records disclose that they registered out of their rooms on December 13 and December 15, 1934, respectively.

Reference is made to page 214 of the summary report wherein it is shown that Dolores Delansy, upon returning to Miami, did not register at the El Comodoro Hotel on the night of Docember 4, 1934, but actually resided at enother hotel in the vicinity, but that on the morning of December 5, 1934, she visited the Kl Comodoro Hotel where she came upon Willie Harrison while waiting for Adams. She has informed that when she and Harrison walked into Adams' office, he greated her with "Hello, Dolores." He had not previously been advised of her correct name. At this meeting Dolores asked Adams if he had seen "Freddie and mother," using these names. To this Adams replied that he would try to get in touch with them for here

On December 5, 1934, as is shown on page 215 of the summary report, Dolores Delancy drove to Homestead, Florida, in the automobile of Willie Harrison and Dos Barker, where she picked up Alvin Karpis, bringing him back to the Kl Comodore Hotel. They immediately took occupancy of Room 404 which had actually been registered in the name of J. B. Bolton by Doc Barker.

December 5-8, 1934 Page 228

Karpis, Doc Barker, Willie Harrison and the girls in Room 405 on one occasion between these dates. The girls went into the adjoining room during this conversation. The conclusion as to the correct date is reached in view of the fact that Doc and Willie registered into the hotel on December 5th and departed from the hotel on December 8th. It would appear that they departed on December 8th because information furnished by both Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette is to the effect that they departed on the same date as Kate Barker, Fred Barker and Harry Campbell arrived at the hotel. The registration records disclose that these last three named parties arrived on December 5th and that Fred Barker and Kate Barker were registered into Rooms 1004 and 1005, respectively, from which rooms they departed on December 11, 1934.

According to Mynone Burdette, Adams visited

December 6, 1934 Page 74

At 1:17 P. M. on this date, Adams sent the following message to Fred Barker, as T. C. Blackburn, c/o Carson Bradford Home, Oklawaha, Floridas "PHONE ME JOE". It is pointed out that on December 5, 1934, Dolores Delaney had asked Adams if he had seen "Freddie and mother." It is further pointed out that on the morning of December 6, 1934, Alvin Karpis went down and talked to Adams in his office. It would appear, therefor, that the telegram was sent at the instance and request of Alvin Karpis. It is noted that apparently in response to this telegram, Kate and Fred Barker and Harry Campbell proceeded to the Kl. Comodoro Hotel at Miami, Florida, as it appears they registered at that point on December 8, 1934.

December 7, 1934 Page 9 M. H. Heller registered out of the Kl Comodoro Hotel.

December 8, 1934 Page 228

Wynone Burdette has informed that on the day Campbell returned to the hotel, which the registration shows was on December 5, 1934, Adams visited Campbell in Room 905. This would seem to be in corroboration of the statement of Bryan Bolton to the effect that Adams would visit the rooms after the boys had registered in and collect additional rentals.

On December 8, 1934, Dolores Delaney visited the office of Dr. F. O. Nichols for treatment, having been referred to same by Adams. It is to be noted that Dr. Nichols has informed that some time during the early part of December, 1934, Adams told him that he would send him a young expectant mother.

December 10 and 11, 1934 Page 216 Dolores Delaney has furnished the information that when Fred Barker appeared at the hotel on December 8, 1934, he brought with him fish which had been caught at Lake Weir; that a fish dinner was prepared and served in Rooms 404 and 405, which was attended by Kate Barker, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Dolores Delaney, Harry Campbell and Wynona Burdette. As a result of this fish dinner, Dolores became sick on the night of December 10th and it became necessary to call Br. Michols. His records disclose that he was called on the night of December 10th and attended Dolores on the early morning hours

of December 11, 1934. At the time of this call, Dolores Delaney and Karpis were still eccupying Rooms 404 and 405. This would lend credence to the conclusion that they continued in these rooms from December 5, 1934, and after December 8, 1934, when Willie Harrison and Doc Barker are alleged to have departed.

December 11, 1934 Page 225 On this date Herry Campbell and Wynona Burdette registered out of the El Comodoro Hotel and moved to Oklawaha, Florida, where they remained until January 13, 1935, when they registered again into the said hotel, from which place they departed on January 14, 1935, when they commenced living with Dolores Delaney and Alvin Karpis at the Thomas home in Miami.

The hotel records further show that Fred Barker, under the name of T. C. Blackburn, and Kate Barker, under the name of Mrs. G. E. Ryan, registered out of the Kl Comodoro Hotel on December 11, 1934.

December 12, 1934 Page 51 On this date Dolores Delaney, under the name of Mrs. S. A. Green, executed a lease for the rental of the L. W. Thomas home located at 1121 Mortheast 85th Street, Miami, Florida. It is to be noted on page 56 of the summary report that Mr. Thomas has informed it was on or about Movember 25 or 26, 1934, that he first mentioned to Adams the possibility of obtaining a renter for his home. It is not definitely shown exactly when Karpis and Dolores Delaney took occupancy at the Thomas home, although the lease was signed on Docember 12, 1934. This indefiniteness arises



December 15, 1934 Page 228 from the fact that they continued to occupy Rooms 404 and 405 at the El Comodoro Hotel until December 13 and 15, 1934, respectively, when it is shown that departures were made from the said rooms.

On or about this date Joe Adams took Alvin Kerpis to Oklawaha, Florida, to visit with Kate and Fred Barker, Wynona Burdette, and Harry Campbell. This approximate date is reached by virtue of the fact that Wynona Burdette has informed that this visit by Karpis and idams was made two or three days after they arrived at Oklawaha. The registration records of the hotel disclose that Kete, Fred, Wynoma and Harry departed from the hotel on December 11, 1934. It, therefore, would be reasonable to believe that the visit of Karpis and Adams must have been made about December 15th. On the occasion of this visit Wynona recalls that Adams talked with the boys privately for several hours and then departed; that at one time during this visit Wymona overheard Adems tell Cempbell and Fred Barker there were some Government men in Miemi and that Barker and Campbell "had better get out of Oklawaha as the Government men might find out they were there.

December 15, 1934

Further eredence is loaned to the fact that Karpis and Dolores Delaney remained at the El Comodoro Hotel until December 15, 1934, because it is shown on page 22 of the summary report under the testimony of Mrs. Agnes Gray and also under the testimony of James Grant that on December 15, 1934, a radio was sent to Room 405, which was then being occupied by Alvin Karpis. On page 217 of the summary report it appears that Adams told Dolores Delaney and Karpis that he wanted them to remain in their rooms as much as possible and did not want them running in and out of the hotel; that to keep them company he sent them a radio.

December 16, 1934 Page 65 About 3:00 P. M. on this date, Joe Adams telephonically called Dr. A. Hempton, Menager of the Official Physicians' and Surgeons' Exchange and Murses' Register, with the statement that he desired to obtain a practical nurse-book for a Mrs. Green. It was through Dr. Hempton that Adams was able to obtain the services of Terese Carmichael for Dolores Delaney and Alvin Karpis.

December 16, 1934 Page 229

Mynone Burdette has stated that on the morning following the visit of Adams, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis and Marry Campbell had to go to Miami for a week or more on business. The date of December 16th is reached only approximately, having proper regard to the date of December 15th on which Adams is alleged to have visited the said members of the gang at Oklawaha. The statement that members of the gang went to Miami is corroborated further by the statement of Dolores Delaney (see on page 218 of the summary report) to the effect that a few days after she and Karpis moved into their new home in Miami, Adams drove Karpis to Oklawaha because Karpis did not then own a



car. Wynone has stated that about daybreak following the visit of Adams, the three boys, Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker and Harry Campbell, left for Miami. The statement of Dolores Deleney on page 218 of the summary is in accord with this, wherein she states: "Alvin returned on the following day with Fred Barker and Harry Campbell. It, therefore, appears that Adams must have visited with Karpis and others at Oklawaha on er about December 15, 1934, and that Karpis returned to Mismi with Fred and Harry the following day, December 16th. Wynona's statement discloses that the boys intended to be gone for a week or more. The statement of Dolores Delaney (seen on page 218) reflects that Harry and Fred remained at her home on this occasion in Missi for about five days. The fact that this trip occurred on or about that time is shown by the further fact that on December 22, 1934, Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis purchased jewelry from the D. B. Sutton Jewelry Company through Joe Adams and that on December 22, 1934, Karpis engaged Duke Randall to purchase a Buick two-door coupe in the name of Leroy Morrison. Wynone, on page 229, points out that she and Kate Barker took a trip during the absence of the boys and returned on the same day as the boys returned, at which time Willie Woodbury handed them a letter inclosed in a sealed envelope, signed by Joe Adams, which, according to Wynons's recollection, instructed the geng to get out of Oklawaha and to stay out; that he was tired of warning them and that he wanted to see the boys as soon as they got back.

December 18, 1934 Page 67 Terese Carmichael started work for Alvin Karpis and Dolores Delaney on this date.

December 22, 1934 Page 99 On this date Duke Randall, using the name of Leroy Morrison, purchased a Buick sedan from the Unger Buick Company, Mismi, Florida, for Alvin Karpis. The purchase price of this car was \$1,080.00. This money was furnished to Rendell by Karpis in the office of Joe Adams on the same date. It is noted on page 101 of the summary report that the receipt for this car was found among the personal effects of Randall at the time of his arrest. Page 102 of the summary points out that M. S. Altmeyer of the Unger Buick Company will produce books and records to show the sale of this car. Page 104 of the summary notes that Adams called Mr. A. A. Unger on or about the first part of December, 1934, telling him that he, Adams, had a prospect for the purchase of a Buick automobile. It is Mr. Unger's recollection that Adams mentioned the name of Morrison as the prospective purchaser. Page 115 of the summary points out that Adams admits having called Unger with regard to the possible purchase of a car by Blackburn.

December 22, 1934 Page 134 On this date Randall, at the specific request of Adams, obtained certain jewelry on approval from the D. B. Sutton Jewelry Company of Miami, Florida, which was furnished to Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker in the private office of Joe Adams in the El Comodoro Hotel. After a selection had been made, Randall returned the unpurchased jewelry to the Sutton Jewelry Company.

December 25, 1934 Pages 68 69 On this date Cassius McDonald visited Alvin Karpis where the latter was residing at the Thomas home. It is to be noted that Adams has admitted having furnished Karpis' address to McDonald on this occasion.

Pages 118 141 On or about this date, Adams prevailed upon Rendall to make a trip to Etowah, Tennessee, where the latter was to contact Harry Cook and give him \$50.00 for the purpose of having Gook forget about Adams' having engaged Cook to purchase certain license plates for T. C. Blackburn. It is shown that on December 26, 1934, Randall purchased a round-trip ticket via Eastern Airlines from Mismi, Florida, to Atlanta, Georgia. It would, therefore, appear that Randall commenced his trip to Etowah, Tennessee, on that date. This ticket was stemped at Atlanta, Georgia, on January 1, 1935, indiceting that Randall returned to Mismi from Atlanta on that date, Randall has pointed out in a statement dated January 26, 1935, that when he left Jacksonville there was some question as to whether the airplane would go through, whereupon he wired Adams as to the procedure which should be taken if the plane did not fly to Atlanta. It is shown that on December 31, 1934, Adams sent Randall a wire at the Jacksonville Airport which stated: "USE OWN JUDGMENT THE QUICKEST WAY JOB." Randall did, in fact, proceed to Etowah, Tennessee, where he gave Harry Cook \$50,00 and told him to forget about Joe Adams and the license plates. Page 120 of the summery points ent that on January 1, 1935, at Atlanta, Georgia, Randall sent a wire to Adams, stating: "HAD TOUGH BREAKS ALL THE WAY THROUGH BUT MADE IT OR MET HARRY AND BYKKY-THING IS PINE LEAVING ON 6 OCLOCK PLANE WILL ARRIVE 12:05 IN MIAMI WILL MEET YOU IN BOTEL WHEN I GET IN."

December 28, 1934 Page 10 The records of the El Comodoro Hotel disclose that Doc Barker, using the name of J. B. Bolton, and Russell Gibson, using the name of J. Roberts, both of Chicago, registered into Room 702, and likewise registered out on the same date. These parties were registered in by Mrs. L. E. (Agnes) Gray as commercial men.

December 29, 1934 Page 73

On this date Adams sent a telegram to T. C. Blackburn at Oklawaha, Florida, for Cassius McDonald. Adams has admitted having written this message in his own handwriting. The message is quoted as follows: "LIKE TO SEE YOU SUNDAY CASH."

December 31, 1934 Page 78 According to Willie Woodbury, Fred Barker and Harry Campbell drove to Miami on the day before New Year, bearing gifts for the expected baby of Dolores Delaney and Alvin Karpis. It would appear that this trip may have been made in response to the wire which Adams sent for Cassius McDonald.

Jenuary 1, 1935 Page 219 On or about this date, according to the statement of Dolores Delaney, Doc Barker and Russell Gibson visited Karpis and Dolores at their home in Miami, where they remained for approximately three days. It is more credible that Doe Barker and Gibson visited Karpis and Dolores on the night of December 28, 1934, because the registration records of the Kl Comodoro Notel show that these parties registered into and out of the said hotel on that date.

January 1, 1935 Page 78 According to Willie Woodbury, Doc Barker and Bussell Gibson appeared at the Barker home at Oklawaha, Florida, where they remained for a day or two. It is to be noted that Doc Barker and Gibson returned to Cnicago, arriving there on or about January 4, 1935. It is definitely known that they were in Chicago several days prior to the apprehension of Doc Barker and the death of Gibson on the night of Jenuary 8, 1935.

January 10, 1935 Page 230

According to Wynona Burdette, on or about this date Joe Adams visited Fred Berker and Herry Campbell at Oklawaha. He remained there about four hours, during which time he telked to Fred Barker and Harry Campbell in the boathouse.

January 10, 1935 Page 135 Duke Randall has informed that about a week before the shooting at Oklawaha, Florida, Adams called him to his office, telling him that he had a rifle which a friend had left with him and which he, Adams, did not wish found on him in case anything should happen. He showed Randall this gum, instructing that Rendell should have a box made for the same. Accordingly, Randall arranged to have Lee Kane, the carpenter of the El Comodoro Hotel, make this box. When the box had been completed, Adams delivered the gun to Randall, instructing that the gun be placed in the box and that a fictitious name be inscribed on the box, which, in turn, should be checked into the checkroom of the Kl Comodoro Motel.

January 13, 1935 Pages 10 78 220 On this date Compbell and Wynone Burdette left the Barkers at Oklawaha and registered in at the El Comodoro Hotel, occupying Room 705 in the name of G. F. Summers and wife. They registered out on January 14, 1935. Without even remaining in the hotel on the night of January 13, 1935, Campbell and Wynone went to live with Dolores and Karpis at their home in Miami. According to the registration records it would, therefore, appear that Wynona Burdette and Campbell had lived with the Barkers at Oklawaha from December 11, 1934, to January 13, 1935, and that they lived with Alvin Karpis from the night of January 13, 1935, until the evening of January 16, 1935, on which date the shooting occurred at Oklawaha in which Kate and Fred Barker were killed while resisting arrest.

January 14, 1935 Page 220 On this date Dolores accompanied Wynona in checking out of the El Comodoro Hotel.

January 16, 1935 Page 14

L. R. Gray was interviewed by Agents Brown, McKee and Campbell. This was the first occasion on which Gray was advised that Agents were seeking the apprehension of members of the Karpis-Barker gang. It was likewise the first occasion on which photographs of this group were shown to Mr. Gray. It was pointed out that Gray disclosed this confidential information to Mr. Wilson, manager of the dining room, who, in turn, advised R. T. Knight, the father-in-law of Adams.

January 16, 1935 Pages 220 221

At about 3:30 P. M. on this date, Duke Randall telephonically communicated with Dolores, asking for Ray Green. When he was advised she was the wife of Ray Green, he told her to get out of town immediately. It is pointed out that during the early morning hours of January 17, 1935, while Randall was harboring Wynone Burdette and Dolores Delaney in his room at the Tamiami Hotel, he disclosed to Dolores that he was the one who had called her, advising her to get out of town immediately. On page 68 of the summary report it is shown under the testimony of Terese Carmichael that at about 5:00 P. M. on January 16, 1935, Dolores received a telephone call; that she and Wynona immediately commenced packing and that within fifteen or twenty minutes they departed, having placed their luggage in the car; that before leaving, Dolores told Terese she was departing for home.

January 16, 1935 Page 133 On the afternoom of this date, according to Randall, he was sitting in the hotel lobby with Adams when the latter mentioned the shooting scrape at Oklawaha. At this time Adams stated to Randalls "That's what you get for doing Tavors for people." He then stated: "I rented that house at Lake Weir to that old lady and her son. They must have been wanted by the police, because there was a terrible shooting match up there this morning."

January 16, 1935 Page 129 The statements of Duke Randall, Wynoma Burdette, and Dolores Delaney disclose that on the night of January 16, 1935, Wynoma approached Duke Randall at the money changing window of the Biscayne Kennel Club with the statement that Mr. Morrison

wished to see him. Accordingly, Randall arranged to see Karpis and Campbell between 11:30 P. M. and 12:30 A. M. that night. It was on this occasion that Randall advised these parties to go to the Danmor Motel in Atlantic City, New Jersey. On this occasion likewise Karpis advised Randall to obtain a one thousand dollar bill from Adams and to also get two hundred dollars for himself. The one thousand dollar bill was to be delivered to Dolores Delaney. After arrangements had been made, Randall took the girls to his room in the Tamiami Hotel where he held them out to be his sisters. They remained there during the night of January 16, 1935.

January 17, 1935 Page 131 At about 6:00 A. M. on this date Dolores gave Randall \$150.00 with which to buy tickets for the two girls to Atlantic City. At about this same hour Randall purchased these tickets at the Florida East Coast Railroad Station. At about 9:00 A. M. on this date Duke Randall obtained from Adams in his private office at the El Comodoro Hotel a one thousand dollar bill. At this time he advised Adams that he had been instructed by Karpis to obtain this money and told Adams further that he had sent these parties to Atlantic City. After receiving this one thousand dollar bill Randall arranged for the changing of the same through a clerk, Mr. A. R. Marshman, of the Tamiami Hotel. At about 9:30 A. M. on the said date Wynons and Dolores departed by train for Atlantic City.

January 17, 1935 Pages 136 162 Rendall is of the belief it was on this date that he attempted to sell the Browning automatic rifle to Merle H. Rolfe. Rolfe, however, on page 162 of the summary, states that the attempted sale occurred em January 18, 1935.

January 18, 1935 Page 183

At 3:00 P. M. on this date Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette registered at the Denmor Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey, in the names of Mrs. A. B. Graham and sister.

January 19, 1935 Page 189 At 1:30 A. M. on this date Alvin Kerpis and Harry Campbell, using the names of Carson and Cameron, respectively, registered at the Danmor Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

January 21, 1935 Page 137 At about 1:00 A. M. on this date, while Duke
Randell and his friend, Mary Irene "Billie"
Koreen, alias Mary Goodman, were visiting the
Bowery Club at Miami Beach, Florida, he was
told that three attempts had been made to reach
him by telephone and that he, the cashier, had
been told to tell Randall there had been a shooting
scrape at Atlantic City and that he should get
eut of town. Randall them persuaded his lady
friend to call Bill Morley at the Morley Cigar
Store in Atlantic City. As a result of this
call she learned that there had been a shooting
scrape and that two men had gotten away while
the two girls had been captured.

January 21, 1935 Page 163 Randall was taken into sustody by Special Agents at the Tamiami Hotel, Miami, Florida, where he was occupying Room 517.

January 22, 1935 Page 170 On this date former Special Agent R. L. Jones recovered from Gregory Codomo, at the Bowery Club, 37 Ocean Drive, Mismi Beach, Florida, a Ford sedan, Motor No. 18-1190702. It is to be noted that this car was left in the possession of Duke Randall by Wynona Burdette at the time of her flight to Atlantic City. This car was owned by Harry Campbell in the name of Summers.

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### Rederal Bureau of Investigation United States Department of Iustice Washington, D. C.

May 11, 1937.

Time - 2:30 P.M.

#### MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Harboring at Toledo.

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I telephoned Mr. Brantley of the Kansas City Division, who was at Leavenworth, and told him that in discussing the above entitled matter with you, you were wondering just how much Wynn and Kitchen were tied up on the investigation of the Baker case. Mr. Brantley said that information is now coming in from the auxiliary offices, and they intended to start the preparation of a summary report within two days. The case is supposed to go to the grand jury on the 24th of this month.

I told Mr. Brantley that we would like to have those men get out of there as soon as possible for Cleveland for a conference with the USA and his assistants relative to the above entitled case, prior to its presentation to the grand jury on this coming Monday; that they will be there for only a couple of days, and they can then return to Kansas City to assist in the preparation of the Summary Report.

Mr. Brantley said that he would get these two men out of there for Cleveland either tonight or the first thing in the morning.

Time - 2:35 P.M.

I telephoned Agent Ross at the Cleveland Division and told him that arrangements have been made with the Kansas City Division to have Agents Wynn and Kitchin leave there late tonight or in the morning to come to Cleveland so that they can go over with the USA the above entitled case. I told Mr. Ross to transmit this information to Mr. MacFarland so that he can so inform the U.S. Attorney.

I told Mr. Ross that it should be pointed out to the USA that these men must be released just as soon as humanly possible for the reason that they have to return to Kansas City for the purpose of getting the Baker case ready for the grand jury.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

KFM: CJ

MAY 13, 1937.

Transmit the following message to: SAC, MIAMI, FLORIDA.

BREKID. DESIRE YOU REVIEW ALL IMPORMATION IN YOUR FILES AND CONDUCT IDMEDIATE AND EXHAUSTIVE INVESTIGATION RE LOCATION OF ANDREW GURANTE.

MEWYORK OFFICE ADVISES HE IS MICKMANED GUARANTEE AND IS KNOWN BY MOST OF LEADING GAMBLERS IN FLORIDA; THAT HE ALWAYS OBTAINS FACE SHAVES IN BARBER SHOPS AND SHOULD BE KNOWN AT SUCH SHOPS IN PROXIMITY TO PLACES OF HIS FORMER EMPLOYMENT; THAT THERE IS STRONG LIKELIHOOD HE IS NOW IN JACKSONVILLE, POSSIBLY RECEIVING MAIL THERE GENERAL DELIVERY.

INMEDIATE INQUIRY SHOULD BE MADE THERE WHERE HE WAS HOUSE DETECTIVE AT CARLING HOTEL. DESIRE YOU EXAMINE STATE AUTO REGISTRATIONS FOR HIS POSSIBLE LOCATION. HIS BROTHER ALBERT GURANTE SENT HIM LETTER TO GENERAL DELIVERY, MIAMI, ON APRIL THIRTIETH LAST. THIS MATTER MUST BE GIVEN PREFERRED AND IMMEDIATE TREATMENT.

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Sheriff Kitchin stated he is continuing his efforts to discreetly find out, through informants, the present whereabouts of White and Groves, and suggested that no further contact be made at the Fountain home at this time, inasmuch as to do so would very probably arouse the suspicion of Mrs. Fountain. He stated that in the event other efforts to obtain the desired information fails, he may raid the Fountain home for whiskey, since it is believed she is engaged in the illicit traffic of liquor, and at that time will make a thorough search of the premises, ostensibly for liquor, but in reality for any mail matter or memoranda which may contain the address of Benson Groves.

At Macon, Georgia, contact has been maintained with the General Delivery for mail to J. M. Hall, from Mrs. Fountain, with negative results.

### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE ATLANTA FIELD DIVISION at Jeffersonville, Georgia, will again interview Sheriff Sam Kitchin for any recent information concerning the present location of Benson Groves, or one White, as referred to by the Sheriff in the body of this report.

At Gordon, Georgia, will interview the Postmaster or the Rural mail carrier who delivers mail to Mrs. O. D. Fauntain, for any information pertaining to communications to Mrs. Fountain which might have come from Benson Groves.

At Macon, Georgia, will contact the General Delivery window for any mail from Mrs. Fountain to J. M. Hall, the name given Mrs. Fountain by Agent during a previous interview.

PENDING.

## Federal Bureau of Investigation United States Department of Iustice

1448 Standard Building, Cleveland, Ohio

May 12, 1937

Mr. Tolson ..

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Please find attached hereto three copies of a memorandum dated may 12, 1937, relating to a contact had by Special Agent H.B. Dill with Assistant United States Attorney G.P. Openlander at Toledo, Chio, wherein the writer is quoted as indicating to the said Assistant United States Attorney Openlander and United States Attorney E.B. Freed that they "fussed" and "horsed" around with this matter so long that if the Statute ran in this case, it was their own fault. While the writer did not use the exact terms accredited to him, he did in fact imply definitely what the terms conclude.

Very truly yours,

J.P. MacFARLAND,

Special Agent in Charge

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Cleveland, Ohio May 12, 1937

### MEMORANDUM TO J.P. MacFARLAND, Special Agent in Charge:

While I was in Toledo yesterday, I went by to see Mr. Gerald P. Openlander, with reference to the bank robbery cases. It was about 9:00 o'clock when I went to his office in the Bell Building, and upon entering, he asked if I was there with reference to the Brekid matter. When I told him I was not, he stated that he was surely having a lot of trouble with the Bureau on this matter. He then related the fact that he had talked to you over the telephone about 5:30 the afternoon before (May 10th), and that he had asked you to please get some Bureau Agents over to Toledo to make a further investigation with reference to this matter, and that you told him in effect that you could not get Agents over there before the 24th of this month, and that they (United States Attorneys) had "fussed" and "horsed" around with this matter so long, that if the statute ran in this case, it was their own fault.

Mr. Openlander stated that the statute was running fast in some of these cases, however, I recall talking to Mr. Openlander, on April 23rd, with reference to this matter, and he explained at that time that the statute would not run anytime in the near future on the Brekid matter, in view of the fact that they were going to try the subjects for accessory after the fact rather than on a harboring charge, and gave his reasons for this as follows:

- 1. The statute would not run as soon as it would on the harboring charge.
- 2r Coolie Munro, who is believed to be in Canada, -could be extradited on this charge, whereas he could not be extradited on a harboring charge.
- 3. The sentences would be much more vigorous on this charge than on a harboring charge.

After the conversation at the Bell Building with Mr. Openlander, Agent accompanied Mr. Openlander to the Federal Building, at which time, Miss Goddard, Mr. Freed's secretary.

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1500 Biscayne Building Miami, Florida Mr. Herbert S. Phillips United States Attorney Tampa, Morida e: George Timiney; Dr. Joseph P, WORAN, with aliases-FUGITIVE I.O. #1232, et al. Edward George Bremer - Victim LIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; NATIONAL FIREARIS ACT. Your attention is invited to the incident wherein the subpoena calling for the appearance of Andrew Guarante at Mami. Florida on May 31, 1937 was served upon his brother, Albert Suarante, who destroyed the subpoens with the explanation that he would not honor it. Affidavits have now been obtained from Was Maher. Deputy United States Marshal for the Eastern District of New York, The served this subpoens and Robert G. Lindsay, United States Marshal, Wistern District of New York, with reference to this incident. Attached hereto are photostatic copies of the affidavits submitted in Othis matter, together with photostatic copy of the subpoens in question, for such attention as you does appropriate. Yery truly yours, RECORDED INDEXED R. L. SHIVERS Special Agent in Charge Encl. ~CC:Bureau '

# Bederal Bureau of Investigation Anited States Department of Justice Washington, B. C.

KRM:CJ 7-576

May 13, 1937.

RE: BREKID

There is attached hereto a memorandum which I have prepared in the hope that it might be of some assistance to Mr. Charles Carr, Special Assistant to the Attorney General in the event the issue of the suppression of the statements of Adams and Randall is raised during the course of the trial.

The original of this memorandum was furnished to Mr. Carr by me personally on May 7, 1937.

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With reference to the defense of Duke Randall and Joseph H. Adams it is anticipated that at the appropriate moment during the course of their trial at Miami, Florida, they will renew their motion to suppress the statements which were obtained from them by Special Agents.

In this connection it is desired to summarize those possible defenses which the Government has to any such motion on the part of Randell and Adams. Attention is directed to the statements, which were obtained, from the following Special Agents in which they stated specifically the circumstances under which they obtained the signed statements of Randell and Adams: J. M. Hanson, L. B. Hichels, F. M. Stone, J. W. Going, P. C. Dunne and former Special Agent R. L. Jones. Copies of these statements by the said Agents have previously been furnished to Mr. Charles Carr, Special Assistant to the Attorney General.

Attention is now directed to the report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, April 25, 1955, on page 60 of which it is shown that Duke Randall was interviewed by former Special Assistant to the Atterney General Walter L. Barlow and apparently also in the presence of J. H. Hanson and S. K. Nokee. It is pointed out therein that at that time Randall reiterated the detailed information that had been secured from him and which is set out in the report of Special Agent in Charge J. M. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1955.

It is also shown that Randall stated in addition therete that in November, 1934, Mr. L. B. Gray, Glerk of the El Commodere Motel, had informed him that a couple of Federal Officers had been making inquiry about him and his roomate Gregory I. Ociono and the automobile which they were then driving.

During the course of that interview Randall also stated that in January, 1955, he had talked to Mr. Wilson, the dining room manager of the El Commodoro Hotel, at which time a discussion was

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entered into with reference to the possibility of Milson purchasing the Ford Coupe which Randall was then driving. Randall edviced that Wilson at that time told him that Joe Adams had said that he, Wilson, could take the Coupe and run it off the bridge. Randall denied that he ever told Hr. Wilson that this automobile was 'het'. Randall also stated that when he arrived at Etowah, Tennessee, when he paid Harry Gook the \$50.00, he told Cook to 'Forget about Jee Adams and the license plate."

Attention is now directed to the statement made by Special Agent in Charge J. M. Hanson with reference to the circumstances under which he obtained the signed statement of Joseph H. Adems. On page 3 of that statement it is shown that Joseph H. Adems was reinterviewed by former Special Assistant to the Attorney General, Walter L. Berlow and Special Agent in Charge J. M. Hanson on or about April 3, 1935, in the office of the United States Attorney at Micmi, Florida, at which time Adems told Mr. Barlow in Hanson's presence that he, Adems, had told the Agent everything that he knew about the case. Hanson points out that at that time Adems made no objection or comment on the manner in which his statements had been secured.

Attention is now directed to the report of Special Agent B. F. Fitzsimons, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, April 4, 1935, on page 8 of which it is shown that Agent Fitzsimons interviewed Duke Randall in the Dade County Jail in Mismi, Florida, the date of the interview not being known but having taken place on a day between . February 28, 1955, and March 28, 1955. The interview was conducted for the purpose of elearing up certain matters with reference to the purchase of a Buick automobile by Randell for Karpis in the some of Loroy Norrison, 444 Main Street, Buffale, New York. During the course of this inquiry which of course was subsequent to the obtaining of the signed statement from Duke Randall, the latter denied ever having been in Buffelo and claimed to know no one at that point by the name of Merrison, nor did he know the Identity of any person living at the address, 444 Main Street, Buffale, New York. With reference to his plan for the purchase of the Buick, Randall stated that on the eccasion in question diams sent for him to come to his office in the El Commodoro Hotel. He claimed that he had never seen Karpis before, however, Adams gave him instructions and Randall them asked under what name he should purchase the ear, elaining that inamuch as he had never seen Karpis and had not been Introduced to him before, he did not know whose name to use. At that time he claims Karpis took a slip of paper from Adams' dosk and wrote the name, "Lerey Morrison, 444 Main Street, Buffale, Hew York" thereon, gave it to Randall with the remark to use the name and address on the slip of paper.

Attention is now directed to a letter of the former Treaton Office dated October 1, 1955, to the former Jecksonville Office wherein it is shown that Henry Dake Randall was interviewed by Special Agent M. D. Wills with reference to the disposition which was to be made of the automobile of Alvin Karpis which was found in the possession of Randall. This interview was, of course, subsequent to the date on which the signed statements were taken from Randell. The following significant language appears in the above mentioned letter: "Heary Randall elso informed Agent Wills that just prior to the time Alvin Karpis, Harry Compbell, Dolores Delaney and Winema Burdette left Florida, Karpis told him that the girls were going to Atlantic City by train because Delores was not able to travel by automobile, and that it would be necessary for Harry Compbell to leave his Ford Sedan in Florida. Karpis then requested Randall to put the ear in some place and told Randall that Compbell would return to got it at a later date. The said car was turned over to Randell for safekeeping by Dolores Delaney and Winoma Burdette, who parked the ear in the parking lot of the hotel where Randall was staying. (This was the Tamieni Hotel) The two girls them turned over to Randall the automobile keys and certificate of title. Some time later Randall requested Godomo to place the entomobile in a parking let used by Codomo's employer, Ben Sipers, and at the time the automobile was turned over to the Bureau it was located in this let. Randall further stated that so far as he knows the Ford Sedan was owned by Harry Compbell and that he has no interest in it."

From the foregoing information it appears very obvious that Randall showed a disposition to discuss freely and voluntarily the matters which had theretofere been incorporated in his various signed statements. It appears, hewever, that them efforts were wing made to bring this metter on for trial in Florida and after Bandall had-had an opportunity to be served by counsel he changed his story quite completely. This change in attitude is disclosed in a memorandum submitted by Special Agent H. B. Wills, dated at Trenton, New Jersey, April 17, 1936. It is shown therein that the said Agent interviewed Duke Randell on that date. This interview was again for the purpose of making appropriate disposition of the Karpis automobile which had been found in the pessession of Duke Randall. At the opening of that interview Rendell edvised Agent Wills that his, Randell's, trial had been postponed until May 24, 1936, and immediately fellowing this statement Randall declared, "There will be trouble when the time comes and the Agents who were with him in Florida would pay for the way they treated him." Rendell generally declared to Agent Wills that he had been kept a prisoner in a hotel room for five days being handsuffed to a bed and during the night each wrist was hand-

suffed to a bed; that his constitutional rights had been infringed; that he was not taken before a magistrate immediately after being arrested; that he was not given the benefit of counsel; that he was not allowed to make bail; that his statements were obtained by duress; that he had been man-handled and threatened; that the time he was placed in the Dade County Jail, Mismi, Florida, Special Agents had requested that he, Randell, be placed in solitary confinement, which he alleged had been done. He further alleged that the statements obtained from him by Agents had been altered. He declared that the room in which he was confined was filled with guns: that a window was opened and that he was told to jump out; that he was told to run so a shot could be taken at him. He declared that en one occasion when he was hendouffed by each wrist to the bed as was sustomary each night, the eccasion in question being at about 4:00 e'clock in the morning, an Agent who was sleeping in the same room jumped out of his bed with a cocked gum in his hand and ran toward the window stupbling ever the bed, injuring his, the Agent's, ankle. Aroused from this commotion Randall asked what was wrong to which the Agent replied that he was dreaming that Randall was jumping out of the window. Randall complained to Agent Wills that the gun could have gone off and the bullet could have hit him, Rendall. These were the general complaints which Randall had to make to Agent Wills with reference to his having been intimidated.

Agent Wills during the course of this interview teck eccasion to point out to Eandall that on the previous eccasion on which he, Randall, had been interviewed by Agent Wills which was on er about October 1, 1935, Randall had spoken very highly of the manner in which he had been treated by the Agents. Randall then countered by saying that only one or two of the said Agents were responsible for his having been manhandled and that the other Agents were "fine." Agent Wills in his memorandum points out that Randall appeared to realize that he had made assertions that he did not intend to make and quickly tried to retract the statements already given. He then declared that when he left Morida several of the Agents shook hands with him and teld him good-bye. Randall also declared with reference to having been man-handled that no one actually struck him or abused him physically.

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Agent Wills has now submitted a memorandum dated April 13, 1937, setting forth his recollection of the statements made to him by Randall on or about October 1, 1935, with reference to the good treatment which Randall had received at the hands of Special Agents while he was in their sustody. It is Agent Wills recollection that Randell stated that the Agents in whose custody he was confined in Miami, Floride, were a fine bunch of fellows and that they were nice to him. During the course of that interview Randall named two or three Agents only one of whom is remembered at the present time by Special Agent Wills. The Agent recalled being Special Agent F. M. Stone. During that interview on er about the first part of October, 1935, Randall advised Agent Wills that Agent Stone and others were exceptionally nice to a girl with whom he, Randall, was then keeping company. (This woman is undoubtedly Mary Irene "Billie" Koreen, etherwise known as Mary Goodman.) Randall advised Wills that his girl was taken out to dinner by the Agents on several occasions and that they treated her very misely. It was Randell's belief, however, that the Agents were good to her because they desired to obtain information from her concerning his, Randall's, activities and associates in Florida. It is Agent Wills recollection that Randall spoke in general terms with reference to the good treatment which he received at the hands of the Special Agents. Agent Wills in his memorandum writes, "The writer has a fair recollection of being told by Randall that he, Randall, was on occasions taken from the Dade County Jail by Bureau Agents and while he was in their care he was courteously treated in a gentlemanly menuer, was given good food and signrettes and that he thought those he had some in contact with were fine men."

This summarization had been made in the thought that it will prove of some assistance in the event that counsel for Randall and Adams renow their metica to suppress the statements of these-two subjects.

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With reference to Randall's desires not to be placed in jail but to be held by Agents, it should be stated that on January 29, 1935 a rough draft memorandum was prepared by Special Agent F. M. Stone and Special Agent J. W. Going, which disclosed that on that date former Assistant United States Attorney Gramling of Miami, Florida advised said Agents that Duke Randall had sent word to him, Gramling, on the might of January 28, 1935 to the effect that Randall wanted to see Gramling and indicated that he had some further information to give with reference to this case. It was Gramling's opinion that Randall desired to make disclosures with reference to the Browning Automatic Rifle which he had obtained from Joe Adams.

Mr. Gramling advised the Agents that he could not go down to see Randall because of other urgent matters and requested the said Agents to inform Randall that the latter should give to the Agents any information he cared to divulge. Accordingly, on January 29, 1935 Randall was interviewed in the Dade County Jail by Agents Stone and Going, at which time he executed the signed statement dated January 29, 1935. He also told the Agents that he had no information to furnish with regard to the gun; that his principal reason was to see whether he could get his bond reduced and get out of jail as he was "going muts" in jail.

Randall expressed the desire to the Agents to furnish Mr. Gramling with a list of persons known to him who could wouch for his character and who could further wouch to the fact that he had never been in any trouble before. At that time he advised Agents that he had a girl friend in New York by the name of Peggy Q'Neill, living at 460 45th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Attention is now directed to the fact that during the course of the second Bremer trial in St. Paul, Minnesota in January, 1936, Joseph H. Adams was interviewed by Special Agent John L. Madala. The interview took place in the office of the United States Attorney. Particular reference was directed to the inquiry concerning a letter signed "Mr. Wagner", addressed to "Mr. Adams", which was found at the home occupied by Fred and Kate Barker at Oklawaha, Florida on January 16, 1935, and which letter Dolores Delaney admitted writing at the dictation of Alvin Karpis.

It is noted in the signed statement of Dolores Delaney that this letter was acknowledged by Adams by a cablegram two or three days after she wrote it. The contents of this letter are set out verbatim on Pages 149 and 150 of the summary report submitted in this matter.

This letter was exhibited to Adams by Agent Madala. Adams denied having received it and would not admit any knowledge that such a letter was directed to him. Adams was permitted to read this letter and was questioned particularly with reference to "that party" mentioned therein. He stated that if he had received that letter he would not know the identity of "that party", unless it referred to "Nother" Barker. He readily admitted that the party named Willie, mentioned in the letter, undoubtedly referred to William Harrison, when he admitted knowing since 1930. Adams also denied that he acknowledged the above mentioned letter by cablegram but did admit that he transmitted several cablegrams to Alvin Karpis under the name of Mr. Wagner with respect to Kate Barker during the time that Karpis resided in Cuba.

Adams further advised Agent Madala in the presence of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson that he, Adams, had known William Harrison for approximately five years, having first met him when he, Harrison, was selling or cashing tickets at the Miami Beach Kennel Club. Me also stated that he met Harry Sawyer through Harrison, as "Sea Lion", around the first part of September, 1934; that around this period Harry Sawyer, Cassius McDonald and William Harrison were talking about opening a gambling place, either at Miami, Florida or Havana, Cuba, and in this connection he, Adams, on one occasion drove Harry Mawyer, Cassius McDonald and William Harrison around Miami, Florida to look at several sites and places for gambling. Agent Madala recalls that Adams looked over an unfurnished place in Broward County, Florida.

Adams advised Agent Madala that on one occasion during the

latter part of December, 1934, Cassius McDonald came to his office at the El Comodoro Hotel and asked him where he could get in touch with Blackburn, meaning Freddie Barker, expressing a desire to see him. Adams stated that he then transmitted a telegram to Blackburn at Oklawaha, Florida, signing it "Cash", advising that he, "Cash" McDonald, wanted to see him the following Sunday.

It is to be recalled that this telegram was found on the effects of Kate and Fred Barker at their home in Oklawsha, Florida om January 16, 1935,

Adams further advised Agent Medala at this time that on er about Christmas Day, 1934, "Cash" McDonald came to his effice at the El Comocoro Hotel and asked him where he could get in touch with Wagner, who was later identified as Alvin Karpis. According to Adams, he gave McDonald either Karpis' telephone number or his address in Miami and volunteered to call him up for McDonald but McDonald told him that would not be necessary as he was going by the place anyhow.

Adams further informed Agent Madala he observed Alvin Karpis and Cassius McDonald talking to ether in the lobby of the El Comodore Hotel around Christmas of 1934.

It is felt that Adams, by virtue of the above mentioned interview which was conducted approximately one year after his signed statement had been obtained, disclosed a willingness to discuss some of the subject matter which was contained in his signed statement. This would indicate that the data contained in the signed statement was not obtained through force and duress as he alleges.

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Washington, D. C.

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May 13, 1937.

Time - 3:30 P.W. (5/11/37)

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

### RE: BREKID

Mr. T. J. Donegan of the New York office called me on May 11, 1937 and advised that he had Agents McNulty and Leslie assigned especially and exclusively to make efforts to locate Andrew Gurante. He said that they have been giving some consideration to the possibility of a telephone tap on Albert Gurante and likewise a possible surveillance of him.

Agents McNulty and Leslie communicated with Albert Gurante and requested him to come to the office for an interview. At that GANION time he did not show any particular disposition to be interviewed and told the Agents that he would get in touch with them in a couple of days.

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Time - 9:30 A.M. (5/13/37)

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On the morning of May 13, 1937 Mr. Donegan called advising that the Agents had interviewed Albert Gurante and are convinced that he is telling them the truth when he advises that he does not know the exact location of his brother, Andrew Gurante. He assured the Agents that the last time he communicated with his brother was on April 30, 1937, when he directed a letter to Andrew Gurante care of General Delivery, Miami, Florida. This letter has not been returned, in consequence of which it would appear that the letter was actually received. Albert Gurante has further informed that his brother is known to practically all of the leading gamblers in Florida and made a practice of having his face shaved in barber shops rather than doing this himself.

It is, therefore, suggested that it might be possible to get a line on Andrew Gurante through barber shops located in proximity to the former places of employment of Andrew Gurante. He further informed that there was a possibility that Andrew may be located in Jacksonville, Florida, where he formerly worked as house detective for the Carling Hotel. In keeping with this information a telegraphic

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message was sent to the Miami office by the Bureau on even date, incorporating this information and further requesting that the files of that office be thoroughly reviewed in an immediate effort to locate Andrew Gurante.

The further suggestion was made that inquiry be made through the Department of Motor Vehicles to ascertain whether Andrew Gurante has any registration record at that point.

Mr. Donegan stated that they have considered the matter of bringing Albert Gurante before a Grand Jury for the purpose of an inquiry into the location of Andrew Gurante. He advised, however, that this matter was presented to the United States Attorneys in both the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York, both offices declining to bring Albert Gurante before a Grand Jury for this purpose. They both advised that it is a matter of concern for the Miami judicial district and any action of such a character would have to be taken by that district.

Mr. Donegan stated that in view of the apparently cooperative attitude of Albert Gurante it is not considered either necessary or advisable to suggest paying him \$100.00 for information as to the location of Andrew Gurante. Albert Gurante has assured Agents Leslie and McNulty that he will get in touch with them in a couple of days. Mr. Donegan stated that there would apparently be no necessity for the placing of a telephone tap or the maintenance of a surveillance of Albert Gurante. Mr. Donegan also advised that a telegram has been sent to the Miami field division requesting a thorough investigation into these matters.

The report of Special Agent H. C. Leslie, dated at New York City May 7, 1937 points out that a witness in this matter, to wit, Albert Wessels, has been served with a subpoena. I told Mr. Donegan that this party undoubtedly refers to a man who was employed by the El Comodoro Hotel and who at that time was using the name of George A. Wilson, but who confided in Agents that his correct name was George A. Wessels. I pointed out to Mr. Donegan that there is a slight possibility they may have served the subpoena upon the wrong person, in view of the fact that the party served is using the name of Albert Wessels. I asked

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him to look into this matter and determine if the person served is identical with the party who previously used the name of George A. Wilson at the El Comodoro Hotel in Miami, Florida. He said he would do this and advise the Bureau by wire.

K. R. McIntire.

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May 13, 1937.

Time -12:00 Noon

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TA

O RE: BREKID

Mr. Shivers of the Miami office called me at this time today, advising that the jury panel in the Joseph H. Adams and Henry Duke Randall case will not be drawn until May 24, 1937. He said that when the panel has been drawn they will commence a very thorough investigation immediately. He advised me further that his office has not been having much luck in its efforts to locate Andrew Gurante. I told him to be sure and review all of the files with reference to this matter and to cover all possible leads looking toward his location. I told him to check the Bureau of Motor Vehicle Registration for the State of Florida and any other similar sources of information where licenses may have been obtained.

He said that his Agents have interviewed an attorney by the name of Myerson who is a friend of Andrew Gurante, but Myerson had no information and disclaimed having seen Gurante in a long time. I pointed out a few leads to Mr. Shivers and told him that he would soon receive a wire from the Bureau in which further investigation was requested with reference to this matter.

Mr. Shivers suggested that Dolores Delaney and Wynona Burdette will be arriving in Miami on May 18th and 19th and that Bolton will arrive there on the 19th. He said that it might be a good idea, if possible, to have these girls taken to the Tampa Jail at Tampa, Florida instead of the Miami Jail, in view of the fact that there is a strong possibility that the girls could be "reached" in the Miami Jail. I told him I would take this matter up with Mr. Charles Carr and see what could be done.

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Accordingly, I brought this matter to Mr. Carr's attention

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telephonically. He said that in view of the fact the subpoena has already been served calling for their appearance at Miami, it would not be possible to transfer them to the jail at Tampa, Florida, but that he would immediately send a letter to the United States Attorney for the District of Florida, requesting him to make arrangements at the Dade County Jail, Miami, Florida, for the women to be held incommunicado.

Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire.

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Weshington Field Division, Room 4244, Washington, D. C.

May 14, 1937.

Special Agent in Charge, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

RE: MEEKU

Dear Sire

Reference is made to your letter dated January 12, 1937, requesting that the records of the Bureau of Internal Revenue of the Treasury Department be checked for the registration of a Thompson sub-Eachine Gun, No. 7925.

MR. WEAL MIRENDON, Cleomargarine and Firearms Sub-Section, Internal Revenue Bureau, Treasury Department, advises that his records indicate that a Colt Sub-Machine, Mo. 7923 (not a Thompson), model 1921, .45 caliber, was registered by B. A. Marlin, 921 or 321 (records not clear) Lafayette Street, Checotah, Oklahoma, who acquired same in 1932. On the registration he stated that the Sub-Kachine gun is kept by him in a vault.

Very truly yours,

GUY HOTTEL. Special Agent in Charge.

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### Federal Bureau of Investigation United States Department of Justice

1448 Standard Building Cleveland, Ohio

May 13, 1937

Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

Special Agents A. P. Kitchin and E. J. Wynn arrived in Cleveland, Ohio from Kansas City, Missouri on May 12, 1937, and held a conference with U. S. Attorney E. B. Freed, Cleveland, Ohio on the night of May 12, 1937 with reference to the prosecutive status in the Cleveland district of the persons who harbored members of the Barker-Karpis gang. Mr. Freed at this conference stated that Federal Judge John Killetts, retired, was to convene a Grand Jury at Toledo, Ohio on Nav 17, 1937 for the purpose of considering evidence to be presented by the U. S. Attorney as to Bert and Ted Angus, Edith Barry, Edward and Clare McGraw, Colin Monroe, Frank Greenwald, Art Hebebrand, John F. "Sharkey" Gorman, and Tony Amersbach, charging them as accessories after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer; that in connection with these individuals he desired to have them taken into custody on Commissioner's warrants prior to the presentation of the case to the Grand Jury in order that they might he thoroughly interrogated for the purpose of securing admissions from them, as well as involving other persons as defendants and against whom sufficient evidence to date has not been accumulated; that such a plan was in conformity with plans previously discussed with Bureau agents. RECORDED & INDEXED

The above information was telephonically communicated of the state of to Inspector E. J. Connelley by Special Agent E. J. Wynn on the night of May 12, 1937 and was made the subject of a teletype to the Bureau dated May 12, 1937.

Pursuant to instructions received from Inspector E. J. Connelley on May 12, 1937 and from Mr. E. A. Tamm of the Bureau on May 13, 1937, Special Agents A. P. Kitchin and E. J. Wynn on May 13, 1937 advised U. S. Attorney E. B. Freed that it would be impossible to bring into the Cleveland district at this time those agents who conducted the investigation in the harboring case, due to the fact that these agents are now scattered throughout the United States on various investigations, although

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they had been kept available by the Bureau for a considerable period of time after the case was presented to Mr. Freed, but that inasmuch as his opinion was delayed so long it was necessary to utilize the services of these agents; and that, therefore, if he desired the defendants to be arrested on Commissioner's warrants previous to the presentation of the case to the Grand Jury it would be necessary to deliver the Commissioner's warrants to the U. S. Marshal for service and agents would be unable for the reasons aforementioned to assist the U. S. Marshal in serving them.

Mr. Freed advised that he is presently engaged in the trial of a case of major importance in Cleveland. Ohio and that Mr. G. P. Openlander, Assistant U. S. Attorney at Toledo, is presently handling the details of this case in so far as preparation for presentation to the Grand Jury at Toledo, Ohio is concerned, it being contemplated that the Grand Jury, although convening on May 17, will not begin to consider evidence as to this case until May 19, 1937. He stated that he would advise Mr. Openlander by telephone of the fact that it would be impossible for agents of the Bureau to arrest the defendants on Commissioner's warrants prior to the preparation of the case to the Grand Jury and that he would instruct Mr. Openlander to convey this information to Mr. Bryan McMahon of the Attorney General's Office in Washington, D. C. who is directing the prosecution in this case.

Mr. Freed volunteered the statement that he was unable to state at the time of the interview what effect the inability of the agents to arrest the defendants on Commissioner's warrants would have on the case, but that this would undoubtedly be determined following a conference between Special Agents A. P. Kitchin and E. J. Wynn with Assistant U. S. Attorney G. P. Openlander at Toledo, which conference these agents contemplate holding with Mr. Openlander on May 14, 1937.

Wr. Freed, during the two conferences had with him as above mentioned, stated that he was extremely anxious to have the case presented to the Grand Jury at Toledo during the week of May 17, 1937; first, because of the question of the Statute of Limitations, and; second, because of the fact that John Brock is rapidly becoming blind, he at the present time being completely blind in one eye and having only 7% vision out of the other eye. In this connection he stated that he was extremely anxious to get the case set for trial prior to Brock's becoming totally blind, at the same time stating that it was expected that Brock would be totally blind within 90 days, but that he did not know whether he could get the case set for trial before that time even in the event the Grand Jury returned an indictment during the week of May 17, 1937, stating in this regard that although Judge Killetts had agreed to

convene the Grand Jury during that week, it was definitely impossible to obtain his services as a trial judge inasmuch as he is departing for Europe on June 2, 1937, and the question of getting one of the Federal Judges at Cleveland to sit in the case was very problematical.

Mr. Freed, with reference to the delay in his decision in this case, stated that shortly before Christmas of 1936 Federal Judge Hahn, now deceased, of Toledo, Ohio advised him that it would be impossible to convene a Grand Jury at Toledo, Ohio before March or April of 1937, and that subsequent to the above referred to conversation with Judge Hahn, as the Bureau has been previously advised, Judge Hahn died and ever since that time it has been impossible to obtain the services of a Federal Judge at Toledo, Ohio; and that the action of Federal Judge Killetts in convening the Grand Jury for May 17, 1937 was the best possible action he could get on the matter under the circumstances, thus indicating that even had he made his decision in this matter earlier it would have been impossible to present the case prior to the time now contemplated. Mr. Freed along this line also stated that it was necessary for him to consider this case from many angles and to hold discussions with special attorneys in the Attorney General's Office, and it was only after this long consideration that he evolved the theory of instituting prosecution charging the defendants with being accessories after the fact to the kidnaping of Edward George Bremer.

As instructed by Mr. E. A. Tamm of the Bureau in his telephone conversation with Special Agent E. J. Wynn. Special Agents A. P. Kitchin and E. J. Wynn will not in any way participate in the arrests of the defendants in this case, although they will be interviewed after their arrests by the U. S. Marshal if Mr. Freed contemplates proceeding on the theory of arresting the defendants prior to the presentation of the case to the Grand Jury. In further compliance with instructions received from Mr. E. A. Tamm, Special Agents A. P. Kitchin and E. J. Wynn will not be a party to suggesting to the U. S. Attorney or in any way outlining for him the names of witnesses to be subpoensed before -the Grand Jury, this being, as indicated by Mr.-Temm, a prosecutive action properly relegated to the province of the U.S. Attorney. As further instructed by Mr. E. A. Tamm, the work to be performed by Special Agents A. P. Kitchin and E. J. Wynn in connection with this case will be handled in such a manner as not to preclude them from appearing at Topeka, Kansus before the Grand Jury in connection with the murder of Special Agent W. W. Baker, and accordingly these agents will leave the Cleveland district to report to the Kansas City Field Division in ample time to

permit agents to be present in Topeka, Kansas on May 24, 1937.

The results of the conferences had with  $M_r$ . E. B. Freed as above outlined were conveyed to  $M_r$ . E. A. Tamm of the Bureau in a long distance telephone conversation by Special Agent E. J. Wynn on May 13, 1937.

Very truly yours,

J. MacFARIAND
Special Agent in Charge

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c.c. - Inspector E. J. Connelley
Newark, N. J.

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May 18, 1937.

J. W. Johnston, Post Office Inspector in Charge, Thirtieth and Market Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Re - BREKID

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by, this Bureau, it is requested that a mail cover be placed, for a period of thirty days, on all first class mail received by Miss Marie Nicheuse, at all of the following addresses:-

2556 N. Bighth Street, Philadelphia. 5752 N. Fairhill Street, Philadelphia.

1201 Commonwealth Trust Building, Philadelphia, the office of Charles W. Miller.

Then furnishing tracings, will you kindly refer to our file 7-45?

Your co-operation in this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

MC:AN cc - Bureau 7-45

Special Agent in Charge.

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	Form No. 1 This case originated at	Cincinnati, Ohio	) <b>.</b>	Miami FILE NO. 7-24	
	REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR	REPORT MADE BY	
	- Miami, Florida.	51557	4-50-57	C. B. Winstead	
	DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1232, et al;			CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING;	
				HARBORING OF FUGITIVES:	
				OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE:	
<b>3.48</b>	EDWARD GEORGE BR			NATIONAL PIREARMS ACT.	
	SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: E. C. Stacey, Tiffin, Ohio, informed Chief of Police J. B. White, New Smyrpa, Florida, that he and associates once sold Joe Roscoe an interest in an Island in Great Lakes, and possibly has				
	information of interest to the Government.				
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	DETAILS:				
	Chief of Police J. B. White, New Smyrna, Florida,				
	informed the Miami Field Division that Joe Roscoe was well Q known to a person in New Smyrna, who had had dealings with				
	Roscoe, and if an Agent would call at New Smyrna he would be				
	put in contact with the informant.				
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	*******	On April 50, 1937, Agent called upon Mr. White, who stated that the person referred to in his letter is Mr. E. C.			
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- 12 (12 m)	Stacey, an elderly man of some wealth, who lives during each winter in New Smyrna, but who left for his home at Tiffin, Ohio, on Saturday, April 24, 1937; that Mr. Stacey informed him that some years ago he and some other men owned an Island situate in one of the Great Lakes; that Joe Roscoe desired to purchase the Island, but did not desire that the title to the property stand in his name alone; that Mr. Stacey insisted				
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that if an Agent of the Bureau of Invest:					
	him, he could give information concerning Roscoe, which would				
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# UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE CLEVELAND OFFICE at Tiffin, Ohio, will endeavor to locate and interview Mr. E. C. Stacey for whatever information he may have concerning Joe Roscoe and his association with other subjects. PENDING

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Bepartment of Justice Post Office Box 1469 Little Rock, Arkansas May 12, 1937

Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is a page removed from a registration book obtained from Roy Lilam, proprietor of Kilam's Cottage, located on Lake Hamilton near Hot Springs, Arkansas.

It will be noted that the page contains several impressions, probably made by a pencil, and it is respectfully requested that the Bureau Laboratory make a technical examination of the same in an effort to bring out the indentations appearing thereon. The page which preceded the attached sheet in Mr. Milam's registration book was apparently removed and destroyed by the owners of this resort.

Very truly yours,

Special Agent in Charge

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Washington, A. C.

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May 14, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMA

RE: BREKID

Time: 6:45 P.M.

At this time Special Agent Donegan called me from New York City and advised that Andrew Gurante, a witness in this case, has been identified by Miss Ida Wolk, a stenographer in the New York City Division, who was present when this man made a signed statement to Special Agent in Charge Hanson and Special Agent in Charge Vincent in New York some time ago. Mr. Donegan suggested that Mr. Vincent proceed from Charlotte to New York to aid in the identification, as Andrew Gurante has a brother named Albert, and the man in question has been posing as Albert Gurante. I advised Mr. Donegan that I would call you and get your authorization for this. I also advised Mr. Donegan that I thought the taking of this man into custody would be authorized, as the Criminal Division of the Department has been very anxious to get hold of him.

Time: 7:00 P.M.

At this time I called Special Agent Donegan in New York City and advised him that you had authorized the taking of this man into the office and the holding of him, pending the arrival of Special Agent in Charge Vincent to complete the identification. I further advised Mr. Donegan that I would call Mr. Vincent immediately regarding his proceeding to New York, and that I would send the original subpoena for this man to New York this evening by air mail, special delivery.

Time: 7:30 P.M.

At this time I called Special Agent in Charge Vincent in Charlotte and advised him of the above facts and the necessity of his proceeding to New York by air at once to complete the identification. There being no air service from Charlotte at the present time, Mr. Vincent advised that he would do so if he could catch a plane.

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Mr. Vincent advised that he was not present during the time the witness was making his statement to Mr. Hanson, but only when he was acknowledging it. However, he feels reasonably sure that he can identify the man. Upon his arrival in New York Mr. Vincent will have Mr. Donegan arrange for the man to be placed under bond. Mr. Vincent is to call from New York regarding the results of his observation of the man in case it may be deemed advisable to have Mr. Hanson proceed to New York from Los Angeles.

Time: 8:55 P.M.

At this time Agent in Charge Vincent called me from Charlotte and advised that pursuant to the above calls he is taking a plane from Spartanburg, S. C., at 1:45 A.M., May 14th, which will arrive at Newark, N. J., at 6:50 A.M. the same day. Mr. Vincent also advised that he would stop by Washington on his return trip from New York City, if it would be satisfactory. After consulting you, I advised it would be.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO. FILE NO. 7-82 REPORT MADE AT DATE WHEN MADE PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE REPORT MADE BY CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. 5/13/37 5/6/37 V. E. CRISS VEC:MG CHARACTER OF CASE GEORGE TIMINEY; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with KIDNAPING; OBSTRUCTION OF aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. \$1252; et al JUSTICE: HARBORING OF FUGITIVES: EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Vietim NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT Report received at Chicago office that SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: IRENE STANLEY, formerly IRENE GOETZ, now residing at Wilmington, Illinois, is showing signs of sudden riches. Savings account reveals from a two or three days trip to Chicago; is planning to build a new home. . 500 DETAILS: This investigation is predicated upon the following information set out in a memorandum of Special Agent A. H. Johnson: "On April 24, 1937, MR. SCOTT WHALEN, who has from time to time furnished this office with information, called at the office and advised in substance as follows: A short time ago one EARL GENTHER, Wilmington, Illinois, made the statement that there is plenty of the Brekid money still in Wilmington. MR. WHALEN also advised that according to his information there was supposed to have been three packages of money in Cinnotto, Sr's. garage and that only one package was recovered. DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES COPIES OF THIS REPORT Bureau-5 Cincinnati-2 St. Paul-1 (information) Chicago-3 DESTROYED 20 5 MAR 25 1965 Chicago-3

MR. WHALEN stated that there was a rumor that IRENE GOETZ, who now uses the name of IRENE STANLEY, is intending to build a house in Wilmington, Illimois. He advised that IRENE operates a small dress shop in Wilmington and from his information has never made sufficient money from this business to enable her to build a house or furnish an apartment such as the one she presently maintains.

MR. WHALEN also advised that SIMON CINNOTTO, whose father was a witness in the Brekid case, has just purchased a house in Wilmington and the source of his sudden riches is unknown to informant.

Another individual at Wilmington, who is an uncle of IRENE GOETZ, mamed "TONY" BAGERO (phonetic spelling), has also shown signs of recently having acquired wealth. MR. WHALEN stated that BAGERO operates the only poolroom in town and would not be hard to locate.

MR. WHALEN advised that in the event he could secure further information regarding this matter and the possibility of there being some Brekid money still floating around in Wilmington, he will communicate with the writer."

### AT WILMINGTON, ILLINOIS.

MRS. E. QUINN, Postmaster, was interviewed and advised that the rumors about Wilmington are that MRS. IREME STANLEY, the wife of HENRY STANLEY, who was formerly IREME GOETZ, nee IREME DORSEY, is showing signs of recent prosperity from some questionable source, it being well known that her income from her small ladies' dress shop is not very large.

As to SIMON CINNOTTO'S apparent riches, MRS. QUINN advised that it is her information that as a result of his recent marriage, his father purchased a lot and placed the foundation of a house upon it as a wedding gift to his sen; that MR. CINNOTTO, SR., has been a hardworking man and very thrifty; that there is no doubt that he has eavel money and could make such a gift to his son from his own savings.

MRS. QUINN advised further that no Postal Savings accounts are maintained at the Post Office at Wilmington, and that if she obtained any information concerning the source of MRS. STANLEY'S income or information concerning excessive spending, she will immediately notify the Chicago Bureau office.

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respectively of the First Mational Bank, Wilmington, Illinois. divised that on April 5, 1937, IRENE STANLEY tated that she came to his home on the evening or April 2nd and wanted him to accept he refused; that she stated she had been to Chicago for a couple of days and had just returned; that the next day she came to the bank and He stated that he made a note of the aurabers of the bills which she deposited, but could not locate this memorandum for Agent. He advised that the bills were turned over to a customer of said bank who came in to have bond cashed and that he would contact this customer to ascertain if he still has and will get the serial numbers if possible. MRS. IRENE STANLEY maintains She opened She has from time to time made various small deposits and withdrawals,

further advised that on May 5, 1937, MRS. STANLEY came to him and requested that he supervise the financial transactions in connection with the purchase of a lot by her and the subsequent building of a home.

heth advised that MR. SIMON CINNOTTO, SR., and his son have not shown any signs of unwarranted spending; that MR. CINNOTTO, SR., has always been a hard working man who has saved his money and could easily purchase a lot for his son without the same being subject to suspicion. They could not locate the list of Bremer ransom money which had been forwarded to them, but stated that they would watch money which comes into the bank. They have now been furnished with another list of the Bremer ransom money.

CIMNOTTO, SRe, of having buried money on him farm, as he traced a concrete block from CINNOTTO'S home which appeared on his farm and which when he moved it would be moved back by some unknown person to the same spot; that he notified the Chicago Bureau office of this at one time and a search was made by an Agent for buried money; that subsequently he moved the block and it was replaced and he then called Sheriff BREEN, who came to the farm with one of his deputies and the three of them made a search without results.

block which is a hollowed out diamond shaped concrete block. No recent digging could be noticed in the vicinity of the said block.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE CHICAGO FIELD OFFICE, at Wilmington, Illinois, will at a later date re-interview of the First National Bank, as to whether he has been able to get the serial numbers which were turned in by MRS. IRENE STANLEY.

Will further ascertain whether or not he has observed any of the Bremer ransom money passing through the said bank.

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EAT: CDW

### Rederal Bureau of Investigation United States Department of Justice

Washington, B. C. May 13, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Harboring at Toledo.

I telephoned Special Agent Wynn at the Cleveland Division with reference to the above entitled matter, and told him that there is no reason for delay in telling the United States Attorney of the position of the Bureau in this matter. Consequently, I told Mr. Wynn to go to the USA and inform him it is impossible for the Bureau to take any action on the Commissioner's warrants which are to be issued as a result of the filing of the complaints; that the Bureau kept a group of specially selected men standing by in Cleveland and Toledo for six months awaiting affirmative action by him, and that these men have now been distributed all over the country working on important major cases, and consequently, we are not in a position to do anything in the nature of serving warrants or doing anything else to take these people into custody on the complaints. I told Mr. Wynn to inform the USA that these men are now distributed all over the United States, and we cannot re-assemble them; that if he wants to file complaints and have warrants issued and the men taken into custody, the arrests will have to be made by the United States Marshal.

I told Mr. Wynn that if they will draw up the complaints, we will file them, inasmuch as that will take only a small amount of time, but we don't have the time nor the men to go out and look the persons against whom complaints are filed and to bring them in.

Mr. Hynn said that from what he can gather as a result of his conferences with the USA in this case, he contemplates that the USA will ask us to outline to them the witnesses who should appear before the grand jury, etc. I told Mr. Wynn emphatically that we will not do that; that this is not our function; that they have had all of our reports before them for months, and if they aren't intelligent enough to read the reports and decide what witnesses should be called, they had better resign or something like that.

I told Mr. Wynn that under no circumstances should he or the other Agents out there express any opinion as to the advisability of subpoensing or not subpoencing witnesses, because if the thing miscarries now we don't want to have the responsibility of having had to select the witnesses.

EAT: CDW

### Tederal Bureau of Investigation United States Department of Iustice Washington, D. C.

May 13, 1937.

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Time - 1:15 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Harboring at Toledo.

Special Agent E. J. Wynn telephoned me from Cleveland and said that during the lunch hour, he and Agent Kitchen had taked with United States Attorney Freed and had acquainted him with the instructions which I outlined to him this morning. Mr. Freed said that Mr. Openlander, his first assistant at Toledo, was in charge of this matter, and that the Bureau's position in this matter should be communicated to him. Mr. Freed intimated that undoubtedly when Mr. Openlander learned of the Bureau's position in this matter, he would immediately get in touch with Brien McMahon of the Department by telephone. Mr. Freed indicated that this entire matter is being directed by Brien McMahon from Washington, and that he didn't know what the Department's attitude would be upon learning of the Bureau's attitude through Mr. Openlander.

Mr. Wynn said that after the complaints are filed and the Marshal has made the arrests, he was wondering what the Bureau thought about Kitchen and him talking to the subjects. I told Mr. Wynn that as long as they are there, and as long as it takes no more men than are already there to interview them, I could see no objection to this. Of course, I told Mr. Wynn that this does not mean he and Kitchen can go out with the Marshal and participate or assist in the arrest.

Mr. Wynn said that they won't be able to see Mr. Openlander before the first thing in the morning, at which time they would advise him of the Bureau's attitude in this matter.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER DIRECTOR

EAT: CDW

# **Sederal Bureau of Investigation** United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 14, 1937

Time - 12:15 P.M.

Re: Harboring at

Special Agent E. J. Wynn telephoned me from Toledo, Ohio, and said that he and Agent Kitchen this morning conferred with Assistant United States Attorney Openlander relative to the above entitled case.

Mr. Wynn said that Openlander has not as yet issued a call for the grand jury, and the earliest he can get a grand jury is for the 19th. He desires to present several routine cases to the grand jury to get them broken in, and then start to present the above entitled case. Mr. Openlander figures that it will take from a week to ten days to present this case.

With reference to the presence of Agents at Toledo for the presentation, Mr. Openlander asked how soon the Bureau can get Agents in there who are acquainted with the case. I told Mr. Wynn that we can't get them in; that they are tied up on other assignments at this time, and we can't say that they will be there at any time.

Openlander said that during the course of the presentation of the case to the grand jury, he wanted both Kitchen and Wynn there to aid with the grand jury. Mr. Wynn in this connection said he pointed out to Mr. Openlander that he and Kitchen have to be at Topeka, Kansas, on the 24th of this month for the grand jury in connection with the Baker Case. Openlander said that if this is so, he would probably go so far as to call the USA at Topeka and determine whether either or both Wynn and Kitchen are needed for this grand jury.

Mr. Wynn said that Openlander's reactions are not so favorable as regards the inability of the Bureau to be able to bring Agents in there for the purpose of locating, arresting and interviewing the subjects. Mr. Wynn said that in this connection, he pointed out to Mr. Openlander that Agents for this purpose were kept around in that vicinity for six months awaiting some action on the part of the office of the USA, but Openlander indicated that the office of the USA feels that they are not at fault in the matter, stating something about not getting the reports soon enough. In this connection, the last report was submitted to them sometime in October of last year.

With reference to the statute of limitations, Openlander says that the first 10N count of the indictment charges nine defendants with being accessories after the fact of the Bremer kidnaping; the second count charged the seme defendants with conspiracy; and the third count of the indictment charges them with

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conspiracy to harbor. Openlander points out that certain of the allegations which were committed early in May have already been outlawed by the statute of limitations, and he feels that probably his entire first count may not stand up. He says that after the presentation of this matter to the grand jury, there will definitely be no trial until Fall of this year.

Mr. Openlander said that he was going to call Brien McMahon of the Department and suggest to Mr. McMahon that he hold a conference with the Director for the purpose of coming to some further agreement on the matter. Kitchen and Wynn are going to see Openlander again this afternoon.

Mr. Wynn will advise me as to the results of the conference this afternoon.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

## Federal Bureau of Inhestigation

IL S. Bepartment of Justice

2401 Sterick Building, Memphis, Tennessee, May 15, 1937.

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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

While traveling on the Gulf Coast Limited of the Atlantic Coast Line on May 11, 1937, I engaged in conversation with Tom Robinson (colored), a waiter in the dining car, during which he told me that he had worked as a bell boy in the Miami Hotel, managed by Joe Adams, during the time that Karpis and others of his gang had stayed there. He indicated that he was glad to be away from Miami because although the bell boys had been coached as to how to answer anticipated questions at the pending trial of Joe Adams he thought there was plenty of chance for them to get into trouble.

He further stated that in his presence, Joe Adams had told the Captain of the Bell Boys that he intended to fire him, whereupon the Bell Captain, a colored man, had replied that he was going to keep his job at least until the trial was over, the inference clearly being that it was highly desirable for Adams to stay on good terms with the Bell Captain because the latter was in possession of damaging information concerning Adams.

Tom Robinson was unaware of my identity and I did not disclose it to him. The Conductor of the train furnished me his name and stated that he could be reached through the Atlantic Coast Line Dining Car Department at Jacksonville, Florida. However, the season for that train has ended and Robinson indicated to me that he had already made arrangements whereby he would work as a waiter on a dining car of the Soo Line out of St. Paul, Minnesota.

I am not acquainted with the case involving the trial of Joe Adams but the above information is submitted for whatever value RECORDED & INDEXED

Very truly yours,

SPESTROYED Special Agent.

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### 1448 Standard Building Cleveland, Ohio

Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. G. Alex Door Sir: Reference is made to Bureau letter of May 12, 1937, and with reference thereto this is to advise that the following agents have been specially assigned to the Brekid case for the past six months: Berl J. Wynn, A. Paul Kitchin. operating from this field office. All other agents assigned to this division have been engaged in handling all types of eases within the investigative jurisdiction of the Bureau and have not been exclusively assigned to one type of investigation. J. P. MacFarland, Special Agent in Charge.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Bepartment of Justice

Post Office Box #1469, Little Rock, Arkansas, Yay 14th, 1957.

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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.

RE: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In accordance with instructions contained in Bureau communication of May 6th, 1937, the reports submitted with your communication were forwarded immediately to Special Agent John L. Madala, who is presently engaged on special assignment at Hot Springs, Arkansas and I am now in receipt of a memorandum prepared by Agent Madala, in accordance with your instructions and I am transmitting the same herewith, by Air Mail-Special Delivery.

In view of the weight of the reports mentioned in your letter, which are being returned as instructed, these two reports will be transmitted by regular mail, Special Delivery.

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Enclosure

CHAPMON FLETCHER,

Special Agent in Charge

Very truly yours,

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AIR MAIL AND SPECIAL DELIVERY

### MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHANGE CHAMPMAN FLETCHER:

Re: Brekid

Reference is made to Bureau letter, dated May 6, 1937, in which it was requested that I review my report, dated at Chieago, Illinois, February 6, 1936, and the report of Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, dated at Jacksonville, Florida, February 20, 1935, in the above entitled case, and thereafter submit a memorandum incorporating any further admissions that Joe Adams might have made at St. Paul, Minnesota during the month of January, 1936.

Please be advised that I reviewed these reports at Hot Springs, Arkansas on May 12, 1937, and wish to submit the following to indicate the circumstances under which I talked to Joe Adams at St. Paul, Minnesota, at the above indicated time. I recall that Special Agent D. P. Sullivan and I interviewed Dolores Velaney at the Ramsey County Jail at St. Paul, for a period of approximately two weeks, during which time she went into great detail concerning her experience and association with Joe Adams and Duke Phandall at Miami. Florida. During the course of the interview with Miss Delaney, she was shown the original of the letter appearing on page 49 of my report, dated February 6, 1936, which letter was signed, "Mr DWagner". The Delaney woman admitted writing this letter at the dictation of Alvin Karpis, and it was her belief at that time that Karpis, himself, deposited this letter in the mail. She further informed Agent Sullivan and myself that either two or three days later, Alvin Karpis received a cablegram from Joe Adams, which she saw, and that to her recollection it stated that Adams had no idea where Willie Harrison could be located. Considerable discussion was had with the Delaney woman concerning the identity of "that party" referred to in the said letter, but she declared that she did not know who this person might have been.

Believing that this unknown party was possibly Cash Mc Donald, who was on trial in St. Paul at that time, I thereafter exhibited this letter to Joe Adams in the office of the United States Attorney at St. Paul, in an effort to have him reveal for the Bureau the identity of this unknown party. I do not recall at this time what agents, other than Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson, were present in the room at the time I showed this letter to Mr. Adams, but distinctly recall that Mr. Beorge Sullivan, the United States Attorney, was likewise there. To the best of my recollection this matter was discussed with Joe Adams a day or two previous to the time he took the witness stand for the Government. At this time I had not as yet read the statement of Joe Adams taken at Miami, Florida, and therefore did not know what Mr. Adams had previously stated to the agents who interviewed him at the time of his apprehension.

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I recall that Joe Adams, after reading the aforementioned letter written by Miss Delaney, emphatically denied that he had ever received such a letter, or that he had ever seen it previously. I insisted that he must have received the same, indicating to him that it was definitely known that the letter was mailed, and that he had acknowledged it. He continued to deny any knowledge whatever about the letter, but stated that if he had received the letter in question he would have thought that "that party" mentioned therein, would have had reference to Kate Barker. Mr. Adams also denied at this time that he ever transmitted a cable-gram to Karpis under the name of "agner."

It was either on this occasion or later that day that Special Agent in Charge Hanson and I discussed with Joe Admas in the office of the United States Attorney, certain phases of the testimony which he was expected to provide. It is my distinct recollection that Mr. L. E. Gray, who formerly worked at the El Commodoro Hotel, was likewise present during this conference, and that considerable discussion was had relative to what members of the Barker-Karpis gang occupied certain rooms at such times when they resided at the El Commodoro Hotel. It appeared that the records of this hotel were in the custody of the United States Attorney, and then the recollection of Joe Adams as to what rooms these people occupied, did not coincide. The details of this particular discussion cannot now be recalled by me.

Sometime after the above conference in the office of the United States Attorney. Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson and I engaged in a general conversation with Joe Adams, at which time he informed that he had known Willie Harrison since 1930 or 1931; that he first met him when Harrison was selling or cashing tickets at the Miami Beach Kennel Club. He also stated that he met Harry Sawyer as Sea Lion during the first part of September, 1934; that Willie Harrison introduced him to Sawyer, and that it was his understanding that Sawyer was from St. Paul, Minnesota. I recall that Adams further stated that Harry Sawyer and Willie Harrison were in frequent contact with Cash McDonald, whom he likewise met through Harrison around this period; that these three men frequently talked to him about opening a gambling place in Miami or Havana, Cuba, and in this connection asked him whether he knew of any good sites in Miami for such a place. I recall that Mr. Adams stated that one afternoon he arove Harry Sawyer, Cash McDonald, and Willie Harrison in his car around Miami, Florida, and showed the several places that he thought might be good spots for a gambling place. I recall that Joe Adams particularly stated that he had these three men look over an unfinished structure somewhere in Broward County, Florida.

I desire to states that Special Agent D. P. Sullivan was in and out of the United States Attorney's office during this time, and that he recently informed me that he was present at the time Joe Adams talked about driving Sawyer et al around Miami, Florida, in an effort to locate a gambling site.

It is recalled that Joe Adams further related at this time that Cash McDonald came to his office at the El Commodoro Hotel during the latter part of December, 1934, and asked where he could get in touch with Blackburn, whom he had previously identified as Fred Barker. He stated that McDonal appeared very

anxious to see Blackburn. I recall that Mr. Adams stated that he transmitted a telegram to Blackburn at Oklawaha, Florida, and signed it "Cash", advising that he, Cash McDonald, wanted to see him the following Sunday. Mr. Adams could not recall whether he or one of the hotel employees delivered the telegram to the Western Union messenger boy. I recall that Mr. Adams admitted at this time that he suggested to Blackburn that he rent Carson Bradford's home on Lake Weir for him and his mother. I also recall that Adams admitted that he visited the Bradford home during the time Fred Barker and his mother resided there, but that he did not find them at home. I also recall that considerable discussion was had with Joe Admas as to why he signed the above mentioned telegram in the name of "Cash", instead of his own name, and that he could not satisfactorily explain this, although I cannot recall at this time just what explanation he furnished.

I further recall that Joe Adams related that on or bout Christmas Day in 1934, Cash McDonald again came to his office at the El Commodoro Hotel, and asked him where he could get in touch with Wagner, referring to Alvin Karpis. He stated that he gave McDonald either Karpis' telephone number or his address in Miami, and also volunteered to call him up for McDonald, but that McDonald todd him that that would not be necessary as he was going right up there. I recall that Adams definitely denied that he telephoned Karpis on this occasion. I recall that he also stated at this time that he on one occasion saw Alvin Karpis and Cash McDonald talking together in the lobby of the El Commodoro Hotel around Christmas, 1934.

I wish to emphasize the fact that the foregoing information was supplied by Joe Adams of his own volition, and that he was not subjected to any interrogation at that time; that he talked freely and with restraint, and that the entire discussion had with him was casual, informal, and in a friendly manner. One might term it a "bull session". Both Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, who was in and out of the room during this time, and I can testify that Joe Adams spoke freely and casually on this occasion.

It is again pointed out that until this time, I had not as yet reviewed the statement of Joe Adams which is contained in the report of Mr. Hanson, and therefore did not know on the occasion of the above discussion with Joe Adams, whether he had previously furnished substantially the same information to other agents in the form of a signed statement.

I recall that upon my return to Chicago, Illinois in the early part of February, 1936, I dictated the report, dated February 6, 1936. In preparing my notes prior to the actual dictation of this report, I referred to the statement of Joe Adams, in order to refresh my recollection as to what Adams had freely discussed with me and others a week or two previous. I am certain that everything that Adams discussed with me and others in connection with this case, has reported, as at that time I realized the value of his admissions, and knew that the same could be used against him in court at a later date.

I am unable to expand in any great measure on the matter contained in my report of Bebruary 6, 1936, and the information set out in this memorandum is my entire recollection of the interviews had with Joe Adams at St. Paul, Minnesota curing the trial of Cash McDonald et al. I might say again that no effort was made to interrogate Mr. Adams at St. Paul, as he was at that time a Government witnesses, and that all contacts with him were of a very friendly nature.

Respectfully submitted,

John L. Madala, Special Agent.

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May 15, 1937

Director Federal Survey of Investigation

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The advice of the Surceu to desired as to the proper manner of dividing the files in the above two cases between the Pittsburgh and Muntington Field Division offices. The Fittsburgh files on these cases contain, in many instances, only one copy of Direcul instructions, close with various enclosures which have been sent out by the Bureau fron time to time.

The Surema's suggestions in this matter will be sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours.

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Special Agent in Charge, Fittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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Reference is made to your lett's of May 15, 1937, in the Matteon and Bremer Midmaping Curus, requesting information as to the proper manner of dividing files.

The Bureau believes that it will only be necessary in the Matteon case to forward to the Buntington field division serials which execuin leads currently pending in the Buntington, Fest Virginia territory. The Bureau is forwarding to the Buntington division copies of initial reports, charts, and form letters with which to start a basic file.

With reference to the procedure to follow in connection with the Brener file, it will be only necessary for you to furnish the Emmington field division with serials pertaining to the investigation which may be pending in that division at the present time.

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John Riger Moover, Director. ORIGINAL FILED IN / / -



### Federal Bureau of Inbestigation

H. S. Bepartment of Justice

607 U. S. Court House, Foley Square, New York, N. Y.

May 15, 1937

ELR: OR 7-120

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.

Re: BREKID

Dear Sir:

In confirmation of telephonic information conveyed to Mr. McIntire of the Bureau by Assistant Special Agent in Charge T. J. Donegan of this office on May 15, 1937, there are being forwarded herewith the original and one copy of a memorandum prepared by Special Agent in Charge J. W. Vincent concerning the arrest of Albert Guarente by Deputy U. S. Marshal Quinn of the Eastern District of New York on May 14, 1937, at which time Deputy Marshal Quinn was accompanied by Special Agent in Charge J. W. Vincent and Special Agents W. J. McNulty and H. C. Leslie.

This information is being forwarded to the Bureau inasmuch as it will be noted that Albert Guarente used abusive language apparently intended by him to cause the Agents to in some way use physical force in taking him into custody. In this connection your attention is especially directed to the first four full sentences appearing on page 2 of the memorandum.

This memorandum is self-explanatory and is being forwarded to the Bureau for attention and as a matter of record in case GUARENTE attempts to discredit actions of the Agents of the Bureau at a later date.

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JWV:GU 7-120 New York, New York.

May 15, 1937.

#### MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

#### RE: BREKID

About 4:30 p.m., May 14, 1937 the writer and Special Agents H. C. Leslie, and W. J. McNulty, accompanied by Deputy U.S. Marshal Quinn, Eastern District of New York, proceeded to the residence of ALBERT or ANDREW GUARENTE, 2808 35th Street, Astoria, Long Island, for the purpose of determining whether he could be identified by the writer as the individual who came to the New York office, of this Bureau on August 22, 1935 to furnish information as set out in his unsigned statement in this file. The Deputy Karshal had in his possession a warrant issued by U.S. Commissioner EPSTEIN, Brooklyn, N.Y., May 14, 1937, for the arrest of GUARENTE as a material witness in this case.

The writer and Agent McNulty went into see GUARENTE, at which time he was alone in his apartment. It was very dark in his apartment for that time of the afternoon and although it was impossible to get a good view of him at that particular moment the writer was practically certain that he was the individual.

Shortly afterwards Agent Leslie and Mr. Quinn also came in and while the writer was questioning GUARENTE concerning whether or not he was the individual who had been in the New York office as above mentioned he stood up on the floor and invited the four of us to leave his apartment. He told us that he had something important to do and started toward his living room to get dressed. He was asked to remain? the room and about that time his wife came in. He was then advised by the Marshal that a warrant was held for his arrest and it would be necessary to accompany the Marshal and agents.

GUARENTE then requested that he be allowed to make a telephone call to a friend and ask the friend to come over. He made
this call. He then stalled around and pretended to be ill, refused to get dressed, inasmuch as he had on only bedroom slippers,
trousers and a shirt, during which time he was constantly urged by
agents and Mr. Quinn to get dressed and accompany the party. During

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this procedure he addressed abusive language to the writer and stated that he was sorry that the writer did not come out to his apartment alone. While he was addressing this language to the writer, the writer made the following statement to GUARENTE: "You are mistaken if you think you will cause me to strike you over the head by making remarks of that nature to me." Immediately after this remark was made GUARENTE spoke to his wife in a loud voice, asking whether she heard that remark. He repeated the remark and when he repeated it he quoted the writer as follows: "He is going to hit me over the head." The wife immediately took up his remark and repeated his statement identically.

When he was directing this language at the writer the writer was at least ten feet from him, standing with both hands in his pockets making no motions or movements toward him. No threatening remarks were made by either agents or Marshal Quinn toward GUARENTE. No abusive language was used to him and a great deal of patience was exercised on the part of agents and the Marshal in taking GUARENTE along so as to prevent any disturbance or scene in his apartment. It appeared that it was GUARENTE'S intention to endeavor to have the agents and the Marshal attempt to take him bodily from his apartment. However, every effort was made to prevent such and when he did accompany the agents and the Marshal he walked along voluntarily and no one put a hand on him.

QUARENTE when questioned as to whether he had ever seen the writer previously stated that he was positive he had but he could not recall the occasion. He believed that he had met the writer socially. The writer has no recollection of such meeting other than at the New York office.

GUARENTE stated that the arrest being false he would make all off the parties in his apartment pay for the incident and was otherwise abusive in his language. During this time he attempted to call the Police Department, according to his statement, whereupon the telephone was seized and he was prevented from doing this.

Shortly thereafter Mr. SOL BLOOM, an attorney at 2201 31st Street, Long Island City, New York, telephone Astoria 8-5497, appeared at the apartment, stating that he was an attorney but that he had appeared as a life-long friend of GUARENTE whom he knew as ALBERT GUARENTE. He claimed to know ANDREW GUARENTE also and stated that there was practically no resemblance whatsoever between these two men. He described ANDREW as a much larger, taller individual, who could

not be mistaken for his brother ALBERT. Mr. Bloom's conduct was that of a gentleman. He advised GUARENTE to accompany agents and the Marshal and stated that if a warrant had been issued for him the only thing he could do was to go along and have it thrashed out in court.

Subsequent thereto GUARKNTE finally dressed and accompanied agents and the Marshal peaceably to the New York office en route to the U.S. House of Detention in Manhattan.

GUARENTE was brought to the New York office and was questioned by the writer, Agents McNulty and Leslie and Assistant S.A.C. Donegan for approximately two hours. He steadfastly refused to confirm the statement which he had made previously herein. He was evasive and refused to furnish anything concrete about his past or himself personally.

Inquiries were made of the U.S. Marshal as to whether or not he could arraign GUARENTE on that night. He replied due to the late hour that he would place GUARENTE in the House of Detention and have him arraigned the following morning.

During the entire time at the New York office, although GUARENTE was uncooperative, he was not abusive and his attitude had changed considerably from the time he was first questioned at his apartment.

While en route from the Federal Building to the U.S. Detention Home a stop was made at one of the lunch wagons on West Street, where he was offered an opportunity to have whatever he wanted.

The above is being made a matter of record as it is possible that this individual might attempt to carry out some of his numerous threats mentioned above herein directed against the agents for having him arrested.

J. W. VINCENT
Special Agent in Charge.

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